



THE 2010 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION Parish Resource Guide

Give Hope
to
Jesus
IN
disguise

Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Dear Father,

Today, all around the world, programs supported by **The Catholic Relief Services Collection and the Catholic** organizations it benefits are making a difference in the lives of millions of people. These programs are ending food crises and helping economies in impoverished countries, providing healthcare and clean water to communities without these necessities, giving immigrants and refugees a fair chance in the legal system, and advocating on behalf of those without a voice.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection exists to fund six Catholic programs that make tangible differences in real lives, improving the quality of life and celebrating human dignity. These successes are only possible through your support and the generosity of your parishioners. I am grateful for your promotion of this vital Collection, especially through an announcement of the Collection from the pulpit. This small act makes a great impact on the success of the Collection.

This resource guide includes bulletin announcements, a parish appeal and a simple guide for promoting the Collection. If you need additional materials or have any questions, please contact the Promotions staff of the Office of National Collections at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org, or visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, where materials to promote the Collection are posted.

Thank you for your support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Through it, we can all **give hope to Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Kevin J. Farrell
Chairman, Committee on National Collections
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Simple Steps to Promote

The Catholic Relief Services Collection In Your Parish

Your leadership in support of this Collection is essential to its success. Below are easy ways you can help us promote the Collection. Please . . .

USE

the parish appeal language, bulletin announcements, and poster

DISTRIBUTE

the bulletin inserts to parishioners the week before or the week of the Collection.

PREACH

about the great needs of marginalized and impoverished communities and citizens of the world. Express concern for the poor, refugees, and victims of natural disaster and war. Explain Catholic social teaching and our moral obligation to help.

ANNOUNCE

the Collection to your parish so parishioners know what it is, where the money goes, and when to expect the Collection. The most important thing you can do to promote this appeal is to mention it during Mass.

PRAY

for those effected by war, disease, crop failure, drought, and displace-



PARISH APPEAL

English

The Catholic Relief Services Collection calls us to focus on our calling as Catholics to care for all human life and preserve its dignity. This Collection supports projects all over the world that provide humanitarian assistance, economic and agricultural development, advocacy, and emergency relief. Your donation makes a difference. **Give hope to Jesus in disguise.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

English

Week Before the Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized impoverished, you **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Week of the Collection

Today, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. You are invited to **give hope to Jesus in disguise**. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to a crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Through humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. Please be generous in today's Collection.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Catholic Relief Services Collection. Because of you, millions of people all over the world will receive vital assistance. You have truly **gives hope to Jesus in disguise**. Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the programs and projects supported by The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Spanish

The Catholic Relief Services Collection nos pide que nos concentremos en nuestro llamado como católicos para cuidar toda vida humana y proteger su dignidad. Esta Colecta financia proyectos en todo el mundo que ofrecen asistencia humanitaria, desarrollo económico y agrícola, abogacía y auxilio de emergencia. Su donativo marca la diferencia. **Dé esperanza a Jesús disfrazado.**

Spanish

Para la semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Esta Colecta ayuda financieramente a seis organizaciones católicas que mejoran la calidad de vida y protegen la dignidad humana. Su donativo brindará apoyo financiero al desarrollo agrícola para fortalecer economías y establecer sustentos alimenticios, ofrecerá servicios y ayuda a los sobrevivientes del tráfico humano y brindará cuidado pastoral y abogacía a los inmigrantes y refugiados. Al ayudar al pobre y al marginado, usted da **ayuda a Jesús disfrazado**. Por favor, sea caritativo en The Catholic Relief Services Collection de la próxima semana.

Para la semana de la Colecta

Hoy realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Le invitamos para que **dé esperanza a Jesús disfrazado**. Dé esperanza a la comunidad que ha perdido su sustento debido a una mala cosecha. Dé esperanza al niño refugiado, separado de su madre. Dé esperanza al inmigrante que trata de conservar su fe en una tierra extranjera. The Catholic Relief Services Collection ayuda a financiar programas que dan esperanza a los refugiados, a los inmigrantes y a los pobres, incluyendo a las víctimas de guerras, desastres naturales y sequías. Mediante esfuerzos humanitarios, económicos, pastorales y de abogacía, The Catholic Relief Services Collection da esperanza. Por favor, dé generosamente en la Colecta de hoy.

Para la semana después de la colecta

Muchas gracias por su generosidad en The Catholic Relief Services Collection de la semana pasada. Gracias a usted, millones de personas en todo el mundo recibirán asistencia vital. Usted realmente **ha dado esperanza a Jesús disfrazado**. Por favor, visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections para informarse más sobre los programas y proyectos financiados por The Catholic Relief Services Collection.



Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about the programs benefitting from the Collection and about their essential work.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection Funding



unds collected from The Catholic Relief Services Collection are distributed to the following Catholic agencies that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of life and the dignity of the human person. These programs **give hope to Jesus in disguise** by . .

- **Alleviating suffering and providing assistance to people in need through the international Catholic humanitarian agency *Catholic Relief Services***
- **Supplying outreach and pastoral care to refugees, migrants, and travelers through the *USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church***
- **Providing assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world through the *Holy Father's Relief Fund***
- **Advocating for poor and vulnerable people and for international justice and peace through the *USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development***
- **Actively helping victims of human trafficking and refugees by providing resettlement services and public policy advocacy through *USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)***
- **Providing legal services to struggling immigrants through the *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)***

[Pie chart from 2008 collection funding (not yet available—will insert into design later)]

