

HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID
FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS
OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME. (MT 25:40)



The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, the Catholic Relief Services Collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to **help Jesus in disguise**.



Women in rural Afghanistan have limited opportunities to earn an income. Those with husbands support their families through work in the home while their husbands work in the fields. Widows, however, lacking the income earned by a husband, must rely on whatever food their extended families can give them. They do not have the means to buy other necessities like household goods or medicine. **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** changed this by offering these women a means to develop a livelihood. In a village outside of Herat, CRS provided a female lamb to each widow in the community, along with instruction on how to keep their lambs healthy. Now, some of the lambs have produced their first offspring. This will give each owner twice as much wool and milk to use, and some are now thinking about growing their herds. Along with money for much-needed supplies, the lambs give these women hope for the future.



Through the USCCB Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, funds from the CRS Collection also support **Apostleship of the Sea (AOS)**, a Catholic maritime ministry that supports fishers, seafarers, their families, and port personnel. These seafarers—estimated at 1.2 million worldwide—transport 90 percent of global trade. Approximately 60 percent of these workers are Catholic. They undergo incredible sacrifices to

perform their jobs, and are often being separated from their families for months at a time with limited access to Mass and the sacraments. “[Mariners] serve the needs of humankind in quiet and unobtrusive ways. These hardworking men and women contribute to global economic vitality,” said Bishop J. Kevin Boland, bishop emeritus of Savannah, Georgia, and AOS bishop promoter. “Their labor and sacrifice make possible our access to the goods of the world.” Thanks to the CRS Collection, the AOS network of chaplains and volunteers will continue to support seafarers and their families both spiritually and practically.

WITH YOUR DONATIONS

Feed Jesus’ hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Give water to quench Jesus’ thirst in the people of Bolivia and Ethiopia . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus’ loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and abandoned . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father’s Relief Fund**.



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