

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

“BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK.”
—REV 3:20



Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from the pain and suffering found around world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized, and our faith calls us to respond. Your generosity to The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) helps six Catholic organizations comfort Christ, whom we find in the suffering brothers and sisters in our midst.

With your help, the Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) program has organized thousands of volunteers to help refugees with legal work, medical services, and language skills. The volunteers have offered friendship, warm meals, and jobs and have welcomed the newcomers into local parishes, providing a smooth transition to their new home.

When refugees come to the United States, housing must be secured within a short time frame. In Portland, Oregon, this is a significant challenge, because the city has one of the highest rental occupancy rates in the country. But with your support of the CRSC, Holy Trinity Parish has been able to offer a nine-bedroom home and send volunteers to welcome refugee newcomers, giving space and support during their initial adjustment, while permanent housing is secured and set up. Refugees typically stay in the house no more than three weeks before they move into permanent housing. Now, Holy Trinity Parish is working with other faith-based organizations to replicate this program in other Portland neighborhoods.

Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection today, and help Jesus in disguise.

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 Syria and Niger . . . 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 of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.
- Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.
- Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disasters . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



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