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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection for *Catholic Relief Services* will be held **March 10th**. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access sacraments.

One of the six Catholic agencies supported by Catholic Relief Services is the U. S. bishops' Office of International of Justice and Peace whose work involves ending conflicts and promoting human rights. The mission of this office ranges from advancing peace in the Holy Land, promoting peaceful solutions to areas like North and South Korea, to calling for justice in international climate policies

Because of your generosity drought-stricken Kenya receives funds for food and water programs; parish volunteers are being trained to help refugees from Ukraine and Venezuela adjust to life in the United States; and families in Zambia are learning gardening skills and food hygiene techniques to reduce food-borne diseases. Your support for this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe.

This Lent I urge you to "Reveal Christ's Love" by giving as generously as you can to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

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