



## Diocese of Las Vegas

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will take up a second collection to benefit **Catholic Relief Services** on the weekend of March 13/14. This important collection not only provides for our marginalized, impoverished, and vulnerable brothers and sisters all over the world—it does much more.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, the impoverished, and immigrants, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. These programs aid victims of natural disasters and armed conflict; provide agricultural assistance, water programs, and health care; resettle refugees and immigrants to the United States; help alleviate poverty in developing countries; provide legal support services for poor immigrants; and advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace through these humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts.

Most recently, Catholic Relief Services has been a guiding light in saving lives and assisting the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope to those who find themselves in a desperate state of life.

You can visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information about The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe, D.D., J.C.D.  
Bishop of Las Vegas

