

# Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach

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## **Diocese of Palm Beach and Catholic Relief Services Accepting Donations to Help Famine-Stricken Areas in East Africa**

(Palm Beach Gardens, FL) August 5, 2011 – Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach is collecting monetary donations for the drought and famine stricken areas of East Africa. The funds will be directed to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in the United States.

The United Nations officially declared a famine in parts of Somalia, the first such declaration in two decades, signaling that many are dying from a lack of food. CRS has a team on the ground in eastern Kenya at a sprawling refugee camp that sees some 1,300 people arriving each day from drought-stricken Somalia. By working through that region's bishop and church partners, CRS is reporting that it has been able to get some aid into the stricken areas of Somalia, but more help is needed.

Catholic Charities has donation information including a link to donate online with a credit card on the Diocese of Palm Beach website at [www.diocesepb.org](http://www.diocesepb.org) Check donations to the CRS East Africa Emergency Fund are also being accepted. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Relief Services and mailed to:

Catholic Charities  
Diocese of Palm Beach  
Post Office Box 109650  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-9650

**Please be sure to include a note or write in the memo of the check that the donation is for the CRS East Africa Emergency Fund.**

Active in Kenya for decades, CRS' many programs address agricultural and water needs that have helped mitigate the effects of the drought. But the severity of the drought coupled with rising food prices are overwhelming the ability of millions of people in East Africa to cope, CRS staff members in the region report.

To learn more about the humanitarian work of CRS in Africa and in other countries, please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)

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