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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Collection to support the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will take place on the weekend of July 9th and 10th. This year's theme is "**Jesus in disguise**". CRS, the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is critical to the work of the Church in caring for the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world in nearly 100 countries who are victims of war, persecution, disasters, and poverty.

Last year alone, CRS touched the lives of 100 million people through its focus on its six key areas of service: **emergencies, hunger, education, health, peace building and advocacy**. On a daily basis and in times of natural disasters and war, CRS works to provide basic needs of food, water and shelter. In addition, CRS helps those in need gain access to medical services and an education so all can become healthy, educated and vital members of their society. The very way that CRS provides development assistance can prevent or transform conflicts and lead those overseas – and here in the U.S. – to advocate for change and equality.

For more than 60 years, the CRS Collection has made it possible to reach out in love and solidarity to give hope to "Jesus in disguise." With your help, we can give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to crop failure. We can give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. We can give hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. Last year your support raised \$94,042 for such efforts. I invite you this year to **give hope to Jesus in disguise**.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with the assurance of my prayers for you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach

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