



DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Catholic Relief Services Collection March 21-22, 2020

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” — Rev 3:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, our Diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S. Working in over 100 countries, Catholic Relief Services provides emergency relief in times of famine, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. It also supports agriculture, education, and economic development to help the poor work their way out of poverty.

One of Catholic Relief Services projects include drilling wells in Africa. In droughts, the only water available in many areas of East Africa runs deep underground, up to 1,000 feet. Catholic Relief Services helped bring in rigs that can drill to this depth. They made wells along migratory paths so that nomadic people can continue to provide water for their families and livestock.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City

N.B.: This letter should be read from the pulpit or printed in its entirety in your bulletin on the weekend of March 14-15, 2020.