

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 21.2010

ONE COLLECTION... FOUR REASONS TO GIVE

Catholic Relief Services

"Jesus in Disguise "

In Haiti, responded immediately to provide shelter, medicine, housing and water to those impacted by the January 2010 earthquake; will continue its 55 year history with long-term reconstruction and development. Aid victims of war in the Middle East. Teach women in India about nutrition and health care. Feed starving children in the Sudan. Serve immigrants and refugees in the USA through apostolates in diocesan and parish networks. Provide emergency assistance and long-term development programs in more than 75 countries. Supports Catholic Relief Services, Migration and Refugee Services, Holy Father's Relief Fund and the USCCB Department of Social Development and World Peace.

Holy Father/Peter's Pence

"Cast the Light of Christ Upon the World"

Enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency relief to those most in need around the globe who suffer because of war, famine, disease, oppression or natural disaster. Provides an opportunity for Catholics worldwide to support the Holy Father's mission as an active expression of Christ's love for the poor.

More than 98 cents of each dollar directly supports the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works.

Pope Benedict XVI called upon the U.S. to "be the first friend of all who suffer."

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe

"Give Faith to the Future "

Funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and rebuild and restore the faith. Supports social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation. Supports formation and training of priests and religious. Assists in development of catechetical programs, materials and teachers. Assists in establishment of mass media and communications apostolates, transmitting the Gospel message through TV, radio and the Catholic press. Supports the Church's charitable works. Supports shelter homes for children whose families face challenges too difficult to manage. Provides scholarships for Catholic students who may become leaders of the Church.

The Church in Latin America

"Keep Faith"

Distributed \$6.8 million in grants to 479 projects just last year. Supports the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in its work on behalf of the Church in Latin America. Promotes leadership and membership in the Church through emphasis on catechesis and formation. Supports faith formation programs and religious training in rural areas. Funds formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers. Provides grants covering expenses for catechetics, religious education, evangelization, pastoral programs, development of lay leadership. Develops educational resources and opportunities for U.S. Catholics to learn about the reality of the Church in Latin America.

Thank you for your continued support of the Church Overseas.

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