



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
**OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, 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.

For migrant farmworkers in California's San Joaquin Valley, workdays during the grape harvest begin at 6 a.m. and last until 7 p.m. Some workers have lived in the valley for years, renting nearby trailer housing, while others live in towns nearby. Still others are recent migrants from Mexico and Central America. Catechists and lay ministers serve all these workers by visiting migrant camps near the vineyards where they work. They bring religious instruction and share prayer, theological reflection, and Catholic social justice teaching about the inherent dignity and rights of migrant workers like the people they serve.

Through funds from the collection, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' program for the pastoral care of migrants, refugees, and travelers collaborates with local dioceses to visit and attend to the needs of underserved migrant farm workers and others who live on the margins.

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. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Support the collection, and answer the knock of Jesus in disguise.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone  
Bishop of Charleston

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The collection date for the Diocese of Charleston is March 22, 2020.