



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.” (1 Jn 4:11)

The way we love others testifies to God’s presence in the world. Jesus cared for the needy, the poor, sinners, the sick, and those who were possessed. Like Christ, we must love in an authentic and merciful manner.

One way you can reveal Christ’s love to others is through the annual **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. **We will participate in this special collection next weekend, March 9/10.**

By participating in this collection, you support Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Holy Father’s Relief Fund, and four other agencies of the United States Bishops. These organizations aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless.

Since we are made in God’s image, our vocation is to love. Please reflect upon how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about how your gift will change lives, please visit [usccb.org/catholic-relief](https://usccb.org/catholic-relief). Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
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