



"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 21, 2021**

Sat.	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	St. John
Sun.	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	St. Columbkille

**All Confessions canceled this week**

Wednesdays 11:00-11:25am St. John  
Thursdays 7:45-8:15pm at St. Columbkille  
Saturdays 11:00am St Columbkille

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 John 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47

**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Luke 2:41-51a

**Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-53

**Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33

**Let Us Give Thanks!**

**Weekend Collection - \$7,037.00**

**Loose - \$194.00**

**Building Fund - \$150.00**

**650 Parish Families**

**(297 Family envelope holders)**

**112 Envelopes used**

**Mass Intentions for Weekend of March 13&14**

**Saturday St John: + Mark A. Wojcik**

**Sunday St. Joseph: + Olive Wong Won**

**Sunday St. Columbkille: Good Shepherd  
Parishioners**

**In this Sunday's Reading**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16 This is one of the most well-known and widely quoted lines of scripture. Reference to it even can be seen in the stands at sporting events. Theologians have long studied this passage and some believe that the Gospel author was emphasizing the degree to which God loved the world, as well as the manner in which God chose to express that love - by sending his only son. What an unfathomable gift! How can we ever say "thank you" to God for this gift? We can do so by being grateful for the gifts that God has given to each of us individually and "give them back" in support and for the benefit of others.

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. John site on Wednesday @ 7:00pm during lent. St Columbkille site on Wednesday @ 7:30pm. All are welcomed.

**Confessions with Visiting Priest**

Along with Fr. Nate, a visiting priest will be available for individual confessions at St. Joseph Church, Argyle from 7pm-8pm, on Tuesday, March 23.

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### Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes: Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (March 16, 23)

Uby 3-4:30pm Wednesday (March 17, 24)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (March 17, 24, 31)

**St. Columbkille Site:**

March 24<sup>th</sup> Student led Stations of the Cross, 6:45pm, March 31<sup>st</sup> Holy week Celebration 6:00pm, Open to anyone who would like to attend.

### Youth Group

Youth Group will be meet next month on Sunday March 28, 2021 in the Parish Center. If you would like to work on making cards for the shut in's we will start that @ 4:00pm. Meeting will be from @ 5:00-7:30pm.

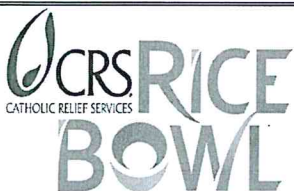
Youth group is for all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

### Scripture Study

Our Scripture Study sessions will begin on Monday, March 1st. We will be gathering at St. Columbkille Church from 6:30 - 8PM. March 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12. We will be studying "Biblical Women in Crisis, Portraits of Faith and Trust." By Jeanne Kun. For questions please call Valerie Fischer 989-553-3088 or Lori Osantoski 989-375-4281.

Social Distancing and Masks are required.



### TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE:

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future.

Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

### Counters:

**March 15:** Carol Beaudin Jeanette Schmidt, Shirley Piontkowski

**March 22:** Luci Kubacki, Barb Roggenbuck, Rose Maikrzek

**March 29:** Kay Peruski, Evelyn Peruski, Geraldine Peruski

5:00pm Saturday Mass March 20<sup>th</sup> St. John

Lector: Jerry Sorenson

EMHC: Jerry Sorenson

Ushers: Bob Brahmer, John Guigar, Rich Trepkowski

8:30pm Sunday Mass March 21<sup>st</sup> St. Joseph

Lector: Suzanne Kroetsch

EMHC: Chuck Izydorek

Ushers: Gordon Farrelly, Kevin Hessling, Bruce Uhl

10:30am Sunday Mass March 21<sup>st</sup> St Columbkille

Lector: Amy Sweeney

EMHC: Dana Irion

Ushers: Ronnie Irion, Marv Osentoski

## **2021 Lenten Season**

### **Mass Schedule**

#### Individual Reconciliation Services

Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00-8:00pm – St. Joseph, Argyle  
Fr Nate with visiting priest

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Holy Thursday  
7pm – St John, Uby

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday  
2 pm – St John, Uby

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Vigil  
8:30pm Vigil – St John, Uby

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter  
8:00am – St Joseph, Argyle  
9:30am – St. Ignatius, Freiburg  
11:00am – St Columbkille, Sheridan Corners

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### Thursday Night Prayer and Friday Daytime Prayer

The Liturgy of the Hours is the most powerful and recommended prayer of the Church, second only to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! On Thursdays at 7:30pm at St. Columbkille, after 7pm Mass, join us for Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (about 10 min). On Fridays at 10:45am at St. John, join us for Daytime Prayer (about 10 min). No book required.

### Youth Group Easter Card Outreach

This Easter we will send Easter Cards to our homebound and those in nursing homes. Please contact the office to submit a name and address to our list.

### Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish is conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$56,548 as of this week our Parish has pledged \$47,563. Please be generous to the Christ's Mission Appeal by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to Christ's Mission Appeal is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Service Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brother and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### First Holy Communion

Mandatory family gathering is March 25, parent and child - 6:30pm @ parish center, Ubly

### Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held Sundays, March 14 and 28 at 6:30 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate at 989-658-8145.

### Rosary

Rosary at St. Columbkille Church prior to 10:30 Mass on Sundays. Rosary at St. Joseph Church Sunday @ 8:10am before mass. No Rosary at St John's due to Stations of the Cross.

### Audiobook Outreach

There are many audiobooks and talks on CD available at the office. Do you know a homebound person or someone in a nursing care facility? Consider taking an audiobook and bringing it to them, along with a cheap CD player, if they need it. It's both a way to serve Christ in the homebound, and to evangelize (if the audiobook is about the Faith!)



St. John Cemetery - St. Columbkille Cemetery  
Spring clean-up and removal of winter grave blankets will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do not put new flowers on grave before cemetery clean-up is completed. Any decorations remaining on graves during this time period will be discarded as part of the clean-up process.

Thank you.





## Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

### Will you quench His thirst? --- Fr. Nate's Update

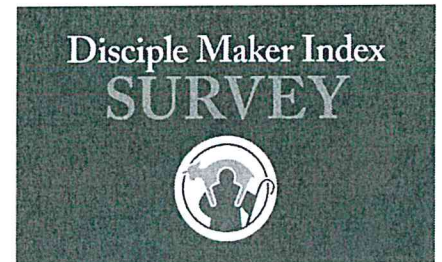
*Left: My friend Matt Guza and I went to the Sanilac Petroglyphs trail this past Wed. and discovered some of the trail underwater. Here we are trying an alternate route. He escaped without getting too wet; I, however, dunked my left foot in the water (thank You Jesus I didn't fall in)*

Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**, Happy 4th Sunday of Lent!  
**First, some humor:** These actually appeared in various church bulletins:

-This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.  
-This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg at the altar.

- On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet, come forward and get a piece of paper.
- A bean supper will be held on Saturday evening in the church basement. Music will follow.
- Tonights sermon: What is hell? Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community
- Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
- Don't let worry kill you off — let the church help.

**Disciple Maker Survey (February 17-March 22):** Please take the survey, either paper or online by March 22. Drop off at office or in collection. It will make you a better disciple (student) of Jesus, and help me as your pastor



**Jesus Thirsts For You:** Jesus wants us to get to know Him, to believe in Him, and to love Him. He thirsts for our Faith and for our Love. "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." If you knew the gift of God, in other words, the Holy Spirit and all the Gifts of the Spirit. "If you knew... who it is that is saying to you, Give me a drink"; in other words, if you knew ME! Jesus wants you to get to know Him personally. Why? He thirsts for your faith and for your love.

**Liturgy Q & A:** *Q: A parishioner asked, why is it that at Mass, before the words of consecration, the priest doesn't break the bread while he is saying, "He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples ...." (Why does he still wait until the Lamb of God to break the bread?)*

*A: Short Answer:* The Mass is not a dramatic replaying of the Last Supper. Breaking the bread during the Eucharistic Prayer is a liturgical abuse that goes against ancient tradition.

*Long Answer:* [From Fr. Edward McNamara EWTN.com] "The institution narrative describes four actions of Christ: taking the bread, giving thanks and praise, breaking the bread, giving it to the disciples... Indeed, the Latin Church has ritually structured the Liturgy of the Eucharist and of holy



communion around these four moments. Taking the bread is expressed above all by the rite of presentation of the gifts. Giving thanks and praise is the essence of the Eucharistic Prayer. Breaking the bread is carried out in the fraction and giving it to his disciples is done at communion.

“The institution narrative is within the Eucharistic Prayer and thus falls within the context of giving thanks and praise to God the Father. The supreme act of thanks and praise is the paschal mystery of Christ, the Word made Flesh. In the institution narrative the Church relates to the Father the action of his Eternal Son and his command to continue this memorial action. This efficacious memorial is not limited to the transubstantiation of the sacred species but makes present the whole mystery of salvation in recalling Christ's death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. No other act of thanks and praise to the Father can equal what occurs during the Eucharistic liturgy....

“...The Roman rite, in placing the fraction after the Eucharistic Prayer and accompanying it with the chant "Lamb of God," underlines that we share Christ our Redeemer and not just ordinary bread. We participate in a sacrificial banquet. Our request for mercy and peace is strengthened by this faith. Breaking the host before the consecration, and thus before completing the thanks and praise, impinges upon [negatively affects] this meaning.”

**Parishioner Praise Report:** *"I am hoping that I can change or touch maybe one person's life! I lost my faith and love for God! I turned to sin and drugs instead. I created a mess of my life! I had an emptiness inside me ever since I started using drugs and alcohol at a young age, but it took me years to learn that God is the answer! I was the lost sheep and he brought me back home! I have done so many horrible things in my life... But God brought me back from the dead! I didn't see it at the time but God was with me through it the whole time! I believe again and have been saved by the grace of God. He forgave all my sins in the sacrament of Confession and gave me a fresh start. Now I am ready to face all my troubles because he has so much love that I am not scared anymore! -a parishioner*

**Meat the Feast of St. Joseph:** as March 19th this year is the solemnity of St. Joseph and solemnities are more important than Lenten Fridays, you can eat meat on Friday, March 19th, 2021. (Cf. CIC 1251)

**Thursday Rosary:** The Rosary will be offered on Thursdays during Lent at 6:30pm at St. Columbkille

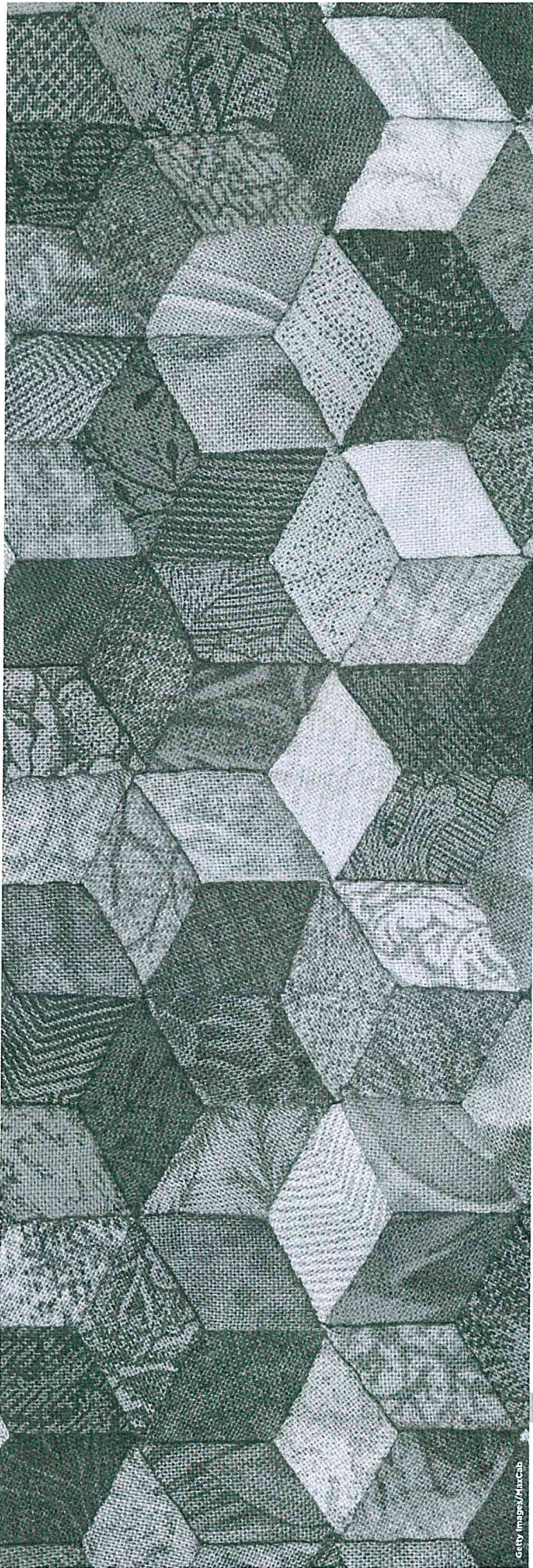
**Fr. Nate's Retreat:** I will be on my yearly retreat this week at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center in Venice, FL. I will be praying for you. Please pray that I would hear from our Lord and from Our Lady on this retreat!

**Year A Readings:** Since we have a catechumen, Gary Hartsell, preparing for baptism at our parish, this Sunday and next we will have the Year A readings from St. John's Gospel because they are "mystagogy", meaning interpretation of the mystery. St. John wrote his Gospel to help the newly baptized to interpret the mystery of their baptism, to lead them to deeper conversion.

**Let Us Pray:** *(Pope's Mar. Intention):* Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God. Lord hear our prayer!

*God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg*





March 14, 2021

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We all have mementoes that we treasure – a handmade Mother’s Day card, a delicate glass sculpture inherited from a relative, perhaps a fine piece of woodwork or beautifully woven quilt. We treasure them because they remind us of someone we love. Now, think about that we are God’s “handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance”! Our God, rich in mercy, rich in love, treasures us so much that he created each of us in his image and gives each of us grace – a pure, free gift. As we look in the mirror, we may be tempted to see only our imperfections. But Paul reminds us that if we look at ourselves the way God does and accept the gift of his love and grace, and cooperate with it working in us, we can live in Christ in the here and now, by extending love and mercy to others, and in eternity, in God’s loving embrace.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Reading the news and social media, the phrase in today’s Gospel that “people preferred darkness to light” seems as true now as it was in John’s time. Sinfulness and evil still cause great harm in our societies. The good news is that it is also as true for us as it was then that God sent his only Son, “not ... to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Clearly, the world is a work in progress. We are a work in progress. Yet today’s readings remind us that we can choose light over darkness by accepting the gift of faith and grace that our patient and merciful God bestows on us. It doesn’t mean that we should turn off the news or hide from the world, but instead do our part to bring light to the situations we encounter. We know the kingdom of God won’t be built in a day, or even a millennium, but we take a step toward building the Kingdom when we allow God’s light to enter our hearts and then share that light with others through our witness, words, and prayer.

**GIVE** Choose light! Respond to a troubling event in your community or state by seeking a concrete way to help – donate to a local Catholic Charities or relief organization, or contact your parish about possibly organizing a donation effort.



# Priest's Vestments



Amice  
symbol of helmet of Salvation



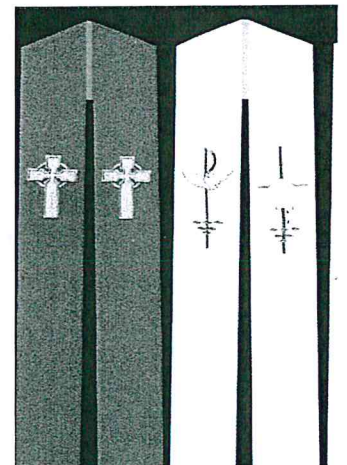
**HIGH PRIEST OF ISRAEL**



Alb  
symbol of Purity

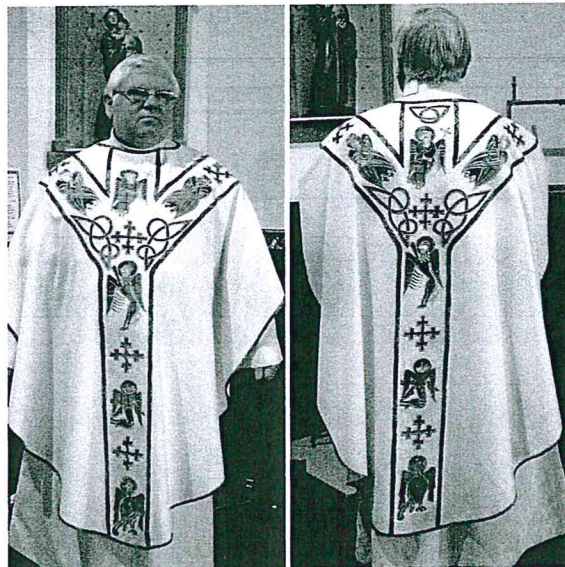


Cincture  
symbol of Chastity



Stole  
symbol of clerical office,  
immortality, and the yoke of Christ

Chasuble  
for Eucharistic Liturgy





# HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE



The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs.



The years-long civil war in Syria has had catastrophic effects on the lives of millions of Syrians. More than six million people have been displaced within the country, while five million more have left their homeland for other countries as refugees. Neighboring Jordan

and Lebanon have taken in many Syrian refugees, over half of whom are children. With limited educational resources, Jordan and Lebanon cannot provide counseling for trauma and loss or meet other essential needs of the Syrian children living in the refugee camps.

To address the needs of refugee children, CRS and local church partner organizations provide educational opportunities for refugee children facing unique challenges. One boy, Ibrahim, had behavioral problems and poor academic performance that



hindered his learning. With the help of a CRS-sponsored educational program for special needs children, Ibrahim excelled in his studies and became happier, more sociable, and more engaged in the classroom.

You give children like Ibrahim opportunities to learn and grow when you contribute to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

## Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . .

### In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

### And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

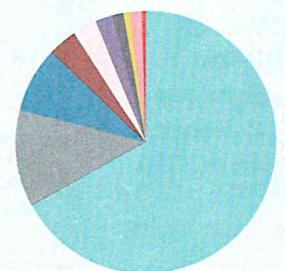
## The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2019

### Grants

Catholic Relief Services	\$11,119,987	67.1%
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	\$1,976,905	11.9%
USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	\$1,353,710	8.2%
USCCB International Justice & Peace	\$590,516	3.6%
Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	3.0%
USCCB Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers	\$362,267	2.2%
USCCB Asian & Pacific Island Affairs	\$228,361	1.4%
USCCB Justice, Peace, & Human Development Education & Outreach	\$136,052	0.8%

### Administration

Promotion & Education Costs	\$232,228	1.4%
Administrative Expenses	\$73,174	0.4%



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