

**OPEN THIS SOLIDARITY PASSPORT TO FIND OUT HOW TO JOIN IN THE WORK OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES!**



**SOLIDARITY: A DEFINITION**

*This passport is an invitation to “just live” in solidarity, but what exactly does this mean? Pope John Paul II called solidarity “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good.” We understand solidarity to mean that we are connected to God and each other in one human family.*

*Accept the challenge to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world by participating in one or more of these programs or contacting your regional Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Office to find what you can do to get involved.*

**YOUTH & JUSTICE EDUCATION RESOURCES FROM CRS**

Please visit these web sites for program information and free resources. Feel free to contact us for more information.

<http://education.crs.org>

*CRS Education: Going Global with Youth* has been redesigned and allows you to access lesson plans, prayer services, retreat models, stories and additional resources and links from CRS and its partners serving in education and youth ministry. Learn about our new peer education resource on global solidarity, *Standing As One Human Family*, developed in partnership with the Center for Ministry Development.

<http://www.crsfairtrade.org>

The *CRS Fair Trade Program* unites disadvantaged people overseas and Catholics in the U.S.—in direct relationships. CRS currently promotes fair trade coffee, chocolate and handcrafts.

<http://www.foodfast.org>

*Food Fast* is a 24-hour hunger awareness program that looks at hunger and poverty issues in the developing world.

<http://advocacy.crs.org>

Connect to policy issues that impact people around the world through advocacy and campaigns.

<http://crscollege.org>

CRS College helps you connect with colleges and universities committed to solidarity. Numerous education and campus ministry resources are available.

<http://orb.crs.org>

For over 30 years, *Operation Rice Bowl* has been bringing families, parishes and schools together during the Lenten Season to pray, fast, learn and give.

<http://crs.org/globalpoverty/>

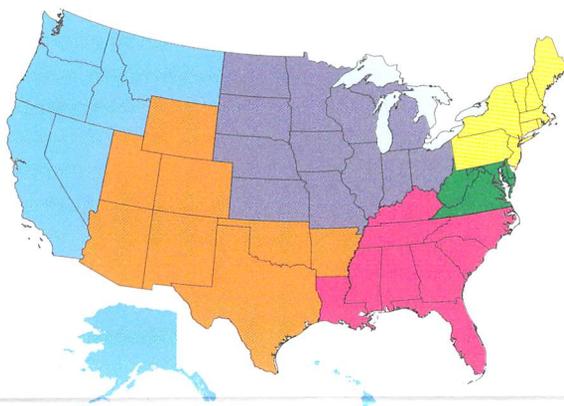
Be one of a million Catholics who are committed to actively making a difference by confronting global poverty through prayer, learning, advocacy and activities. Join the *Catholics Confront Global Poverty* initiative sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services.

<http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>

CRS is one of 12 organizations committed to the Catholic Climate Covenant campaign. Join US Catholics to take action to reduce our carbon footprint and raise our voices on behalf of Creation and the poor.



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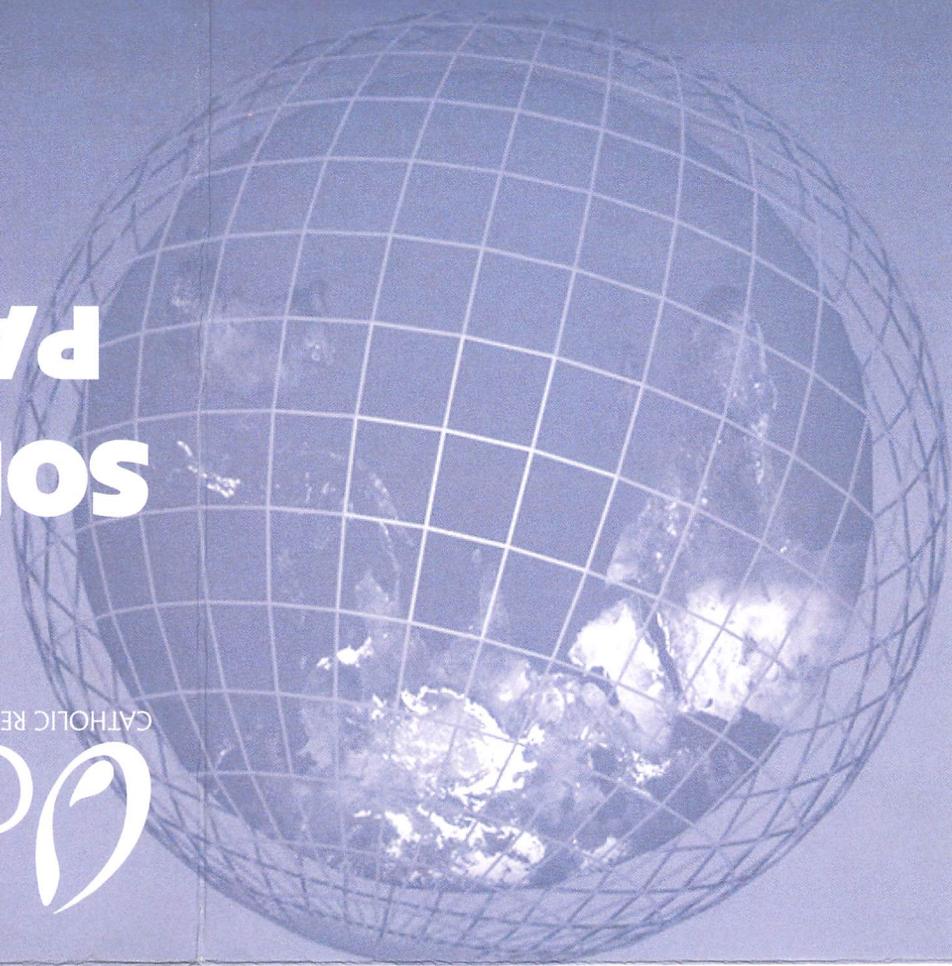
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*The fundamental motivating force in all activities of Catholic Relief Services is the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it pertains to the alleviation of human suffering, the development of people, and the fostering of charity and justice in the world.*

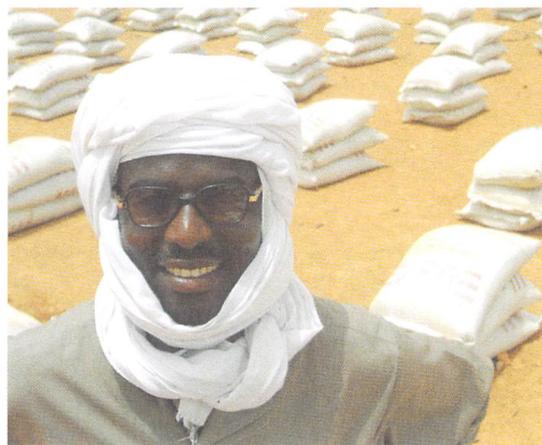
—CRS Mission Statement

## PROMOTING ONE HUMAN FAMILY

Catholic Relief Services has cared for and worked with the poor around the world since 1943. Motivated by the Gospel, CRS fights the causes and effects of poverty and injustice. In times of war, famine, and disaster CRS is among the first on the scene. Long after the immediate need is met, CRS remains working to change the root causes of poverty and inequality.



CRS is the official relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Church. In addition to its work overseas CRS works with Bishops, priests and lay people to educate and engage U.S. Catholics in the work of justice and the fight against global poverty. Today Catholic Relief Services works in more than 100 countries and serves more than 80 million people every year.



What is needed now is you. As part of U.S. Catholic Community reaching overseas, you can join others in praying and acting with Catholic Relief Services as we try to live as Jesus taught us.

Left photo (Honduras) by Kim Burgo/CRS, right photo (Chad) by David Snyder/CRS

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## Want More Information?

Sign up for one of our e-newsletters! Check off one or more!

 **Going Global with Youth**  
Receive social justice resources for schools and youth groups.

 **CRS Briefing**  
Stay up-to-date with CRS work and read personal reflections from our staff and the people we serve around the world.

 **CRS Fair Trade Network**  
Become part of an online community of concerned Catholics determined to build a better world, one purchase at a time!

 **The Legislative Action Network**  
Join CRS in advocating for issues that will benefit our brothers and sister around the world!