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## ***Our Link to Catholic Relief Services***

Since 1943, Catholic Relief Services has served the world's poor as the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

For most of these years, the National Council of Catholic Women, through its Works of Peace Program, has been a collaborator with Catholic Relief Service in providing both emergency and development assistance.

The link between women overseas in need and Catholic women who are committed to help is Catholic Relief Services.

In the countries of Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, Catholic Relief Service staff identify the needs of the poor and target their solutions. The field staff then send requests for assistance to Catholic Relief Service headquarters in Baltimore.

Madonna Plan funds are then allocated to meet these requests. The funds are forwarded, monitored and reported on by Catholic Relief Service field staff.

Working through Catholic Relief Service, we are fulfilling our commitment to the goal cited in the United States Bishops' Economic Pastoral of *a world that works fairly for all*.

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*Saint Paul & Minneapolis*

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*Of Catholic Women*



- ... Is the response of Catholic women in the United States to women in the Third World easing the burden of struggle for a better life.
- ... Supports mother-child centers, where pre-natal/ post-natal care and counseling can help ensure the birth and development of healthy babies
- ... Provides instruction on nutrition and hygiene principles, as well as supplemental food to stretch family food supplies.
- ... Strengthens families through a variety of community projects such as ...
  - Installation of clean water systems and simple irrigation systems to provide drinking water and water for growing food for families or for income.
  - Revolving loan funds for small community-based activities and businesses that generate income for families and provide employment for women.
  - Education and training for young women and girls. In many societies, girls are excluded from schooling or training because they are needed for household chores or considered incapable of learning. Educating girls not only provides a sense of self-worth, but increases the "human power" available to the family and community striving for development.

## *A Unique Support Program*

As part of the ACCW Mission Funds program, the Saint Paul and Minneapolis ACCW has traditionally support mother-child clinics assigned by Catholic Relief Services.

Catholic Relief Services closely monitors the condition and progress of its programs. Twice in the last 20 years, one of the two supported clinics progressed to self-sufficiency. Catholic Relief Services notified ACCW and assigned a new area of need. This is a remarkable accomplishment and speaks well of the wonderful support of our parish CCW organizations.

Because of this unique arrangement, parish CCW donations are forwarded to the ACCW office. All record keeping and acknowledgments are done locally through the ACCW International Concerns Commission.

At the end of the fiscal year, Madonna Plan donations are sent to the National Council of Catholic Women for disbursement by Catholic Relief Services to our adopted clinics. The ACCW Mission Fund is allocated annually to current domestic and local mission projects with input from Deanery CCW's and approval of the ACCW Board of Directors.

Annually a report of the ACCW Mission Fund/ Madonna Plan is published in the September issue of ACCW's IMAGE newsletter.

## *Fund Raising Ideas*

- Special Collections
- Luncheons
- Bake Sales
- Style Shows
- Card Parties
- Rummage Sales
- Quilt Raffles
- Garage Sales
- "White Elephant" Silent Auctions
- "Cherry Tree" Chances
- Organization dues that include \$1.00 or more per member to the Mission Fund/Madonna Plan
- Containers labeled "Mission Fund/ Madonna Plan" passed at CCW meetings for loose change
- Involve elementary and high school students in a Mission Fund/ Madonna Plan project
- Involve family and friends in a Mission Fund/ Madonna Plan project
- Involve your parish in a CCW sponsored awareness project of poverty with a goal of a parish-wide contribution.