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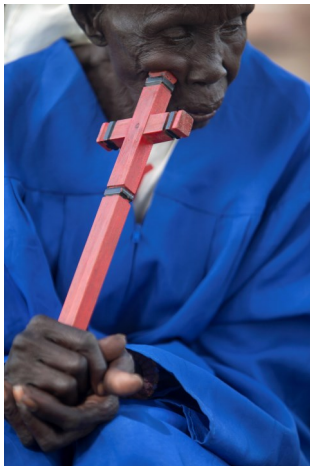
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### South Sudan Parallels the U.S. in Heartbreaking but Hopeful Ways

Jerry Farrell, CRS Country Representative for South Sudan, recently wrote an opinion editorial *South Sudan Parallels the U.S. in Heartbreaking but Hopeful Ways* on the parallels of the country. It appeared in *TIME IDEAS* magazine and we would like to share it with you, our partners. It communicates all the reasons we shouldn't give up on South Sudan despite recent setbacks.

#### The U.S. and U.N. must not give up on peace

South Sudan can break your heart. Many of us who have devoted years to this country felt that when [violence recently broke a fragile peace](#). But the reason the place breaks our hearts is because we love it. We love its people. We love their new nation. And we have faith in its future.



Observing from afar, you might be inclined to throw up your hands and think there will never be peace in a region that has known war for so long. But don't. Those fighting are a tiny minority. Most South Sudanese remain the people who displayed such hopeful optimism when they became the world's newest nation five years ago.

Independence came after decades of war with the government of Sudan, its neighbor to the north. Many thought that that war would never end. But it did, with a 2005 peace agreement that led to a referendum on secession. An overwhelming vote resulted in the birth of a new nation on July 9, 2011.

The fragile peace was too easily broken two years later by a few hundred fighters loyal to either President Salva Kiir Mayardit or Vice President Riek Machar, rivals in the revolution whose differences were never set aside. The violence spread to many parts of the country, widening longstanding ethnic divisions. International pressure on Kiir and Machar brought a cessation to hostilities [Read more](#)

"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God

- Pope Francis Laudato Si,

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### Mother Teresa: Model to Us All

Together with the entire Church, Catholic Relief Services celebrates the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We assisted Mother Teresa before her work was well known and have been a friend of the Missionaries of Charity, religious sisters devoted to "wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor," for nearly 50 years.

On September 4, 2016, Blessed Mother Teresa becomes Saint Teresa of Calcutta, as the Church celebrates her profound legacy and declares with joy her sainthood before the world.

CRS invites your communities of faith to use our [resources](#) to learn about and celebrate her witness of faith.



## Partnership News from CRS Regional Offices

### NEWS from the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regional Office



Photo courtesy of The Catholic University of America

#### CUA Designated a CRS Global Campus and Official Partner

On March 19, 2016 Dr. John Garvey, President of The Catholic University of America, and Dr. Carolyn Woo, CEO / President of Catholic Relief Services, signed an agreement establishing an official partnership between the two institutions and designating The Catholic University of America (CUA) as a CRS Global Campus. On this day, CUA's Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies also bestowed its highest honor, the Bishop John Joseph Keane Medallion, to Dr. Woo for lifetime of service to academia, patria and ecclesia.



#### LENT IS A TIME OF ENCOUNTER

In Lent 2017, join CRS Rice Bowl as we encounter ourselves, our neighbor and our God anew.

For a sneak peek of what's to come in 2017, check out the [CRS Rice Bowl Newsletter for July/August 2016!](#)



### NEWS from the Midwest Regional Office

#### Archdiocese of Indianapolis Host Living Global Catholicism: Loving Our Global Neighbor

Two years ago, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin invited the people of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to open more widely the door to Global Catholicism in the archdiocese, and thus more fully live the Two Greatest Commandments – to Love God, and Love Our Neighbor. Utilizing a CRS capacity building grant, the archdiocesan department of CRS and the Global Solidarity Ambassador Program (GSAP) hosted Living Global Catholicism: Loving Our Global Neighbors. Fifty representatives of parishes and schools throughout the archdiocese gathered for this conference to pray, learn and discover ways to better love God by better serving their neighbors in need around the world.



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Global Catholicism participants

Theresa Chamblee, the CRS Diocesan Director, facilitated the event which included spiritual reflections, presentations on areas of global need and the work of Catholic Relief Services. A panel consisting of CRS's Beth Knobbe and Dr. Kim Lamberty along with GSAP ambassadors addressed effective ways to engage parishioners on global solidarity. Dr. Lamberty offered an optional session on ways to strengthen twinning parish relationships. Feedback from conference participants was very positive, with many requests for similar gatherings in the future. And in the one month's time since the conference, five more parishes have been added to the GSAP roll bringing the total number of GSAP parishes to thirteen.



## New Resources from CRS Fair Trade!

“There is no worse material poverty ... than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work.” —Pope Francis

When you [purchase fair trade products](#), you stand in solidarity with the poor and respect their [right to dignified work](#).

The CRS Fair Trade Program is excited to be able to share new educational and faith formation resources **this fall**. Whether you're an educator or host of a fair trade sale, these resources will help you share the story of workers around the world.

### Coming: Fall 2016

#### • Fair Trade Parish and School Toolkits

Want to bring fair trade to your parish? Are your students interested in making an impact through their purchases? These two outlines include faith formation resources, educational activities and simple tips to introduce fair trade to your community.

#### • CRS/Serv Catalog and Packets

Time to start thinking about your holiday fair trade sale! Consignment and Community Order Packets will be available for order at the end of August.

### Available Now: Download on [crsfairtrade.org](http://crsfairtrade.org)

[Jesus the Carpenter Prayer Card](#)

[Dignity of Work Prayer Booklet](#)

### **Make An Impact Poster\***

*\*The Make An Impact poster will be available for download on July 15 and the prayer card, prayer booklet and poster will all be available for order this fall.*



Thank you for all you do to promote fair trade to your communities. Please reach out to [fairtrade@crs.org](mailto:fairtrade@crs.org) if you have any questions.

**The CRS Fair Trade Team**



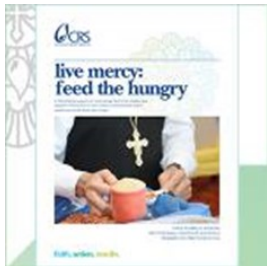
The **CRS Resource Center** (<http://www.crs.org/get-involved/resource-center>) offers an array of resources suitable for all ages to form disciples to live out Christ's call to care for the poor and vulnerable everywhere.

As you plan for the upcoming pastoral year, be sure to check out our [calendar of resources](#) for ministry!



### Prayers for Catechetical Sunday

Prayers to help parish catechetical leaders integrate this year's Catechetical Sunday theme, "Prayer: The Faith Prayed," into their ministry. See also how [CRS contributes to the Six Tasks of Catechesis](#).



### Live Mercy: Adult Faith-Sharing Resources

A series of faith-sharing sessions for small groups made up of 3, 90-minute sessions about how to live mercy in different areas of our daily lives. These peer-led sessions are a great way to help mark the closing of the Jubilee Year this fall.



### World Youth Day

Tips for how to practice solidarity as a part of a World Youth Day pilgrimage, including [a prayer for pilgrims](#)



### Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

An intergenerational activity, handout, prayers and more to help communities learn about Mother Teresa and to celebrate her upcoming canonization (Sept. 4)

## YOU DID IT FOR ME

You Did It for Me is an exciting joint venture between Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services that are brief good news stories of the Church in action across America and around the world. **A new feature is available!** A "how to" e-brochure answers questions and offers suggestions on how to use the stories is available on [CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me](http://CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me). It easily explains the download features with step-by-step directions for church bulletins, websites, newsletters, even for Facebook and Twitter. Please visit [CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me](http://CRS.org/you-did-it-for-me) for the e-brochure and a sign-up form if you're not already receiving these wonderful stories. Share with all!! If you have questions, send them to [bulletinstories@crs.org](mailto:bulletinstories@crs.org).



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