

## Local tsunami-aid donations coordinated by national Catholic Relief Services agency

Jan. 3, 2005 – Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester or any other people wishing to donate money to help the victims of the tsunami are being encouraged to contribute by mail, phone or online directly to **Catholic Relief Services**, the overseas relief agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The agency has pledged \$25 million to help in emergency relief and long-term rehabilitation of the devastated areas.

Those wishing to contribute can do so in one of three ways:

- Online at <u>www.catholicrelief.org</u>
- By mailed check to:

Catholic Relief Services P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21203-7090 (Indicate on memo line: Tsunami Emergency)

• Or by calling 1-877-HELP-CRS (435-7277)

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian organization of the U.S. Catholic community. The agency has had a significant presence in South and Southeast Asia for more than 60 years, providing both emergency and long-term development assistance. CRS provides assistance to people in 99 countries and territories based on need, not race, creed or nationality.

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