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Day 4: Working for Change

*Catholic Social Teaching: Call to Family, Community, And Participation

SAY: Have you ever taken a glass of water to your mom or dad when they were thirsty? Have you ever helped a sibling serve their plate at dinner, or get a snack? Have you ever given food to a neighbor or helped a person who was homeless? [SLIDE 1]

[SLIDE 2] I bet we've all done these or other things to help out people in our families and community. We know that family and community are important--that God made us with a natural desire to love and help one another.

Catholic Relief Services has some good ideas for families and communities living in places like Bolivia where droughts and natural disasters have made every drop of water, every successful crop, every livestock animal for food or farm labor, precious. Families and communities in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia, like Maritza Mendoza whom we heard about yesterday, know how vulnerable and precious their ecosystems are, and they try hard to take care of them. CRS helps as well. [SLIDE 3] They help families and communities to adapt to their changing situations due to climate change and natural disasters, offering programs that focus on effective water management, agriculture, and justice. This strengthens the livelihoods of families, helping the community to protect their ecosystem and their homes and family life. When families and communities know how to save and improve use of water and seek improved farming techniques, they become safer and healthier communities. Farmers can grow more food, children don't get sick, and families have more energy to take care of their needs. [SLIDE 4]

Just as you love and help your family at home, and your neighbors and community as you go through your day, you are helping your Catholic family across the world in Bolivia this week! [SLIDE 5] Thank you for your generosity in prayers for them and in your donations. The money you donate provides supplies, training, and needed resources, but more importantly it provides hope and dignity. Your help puts smiles on people's faces, and hope in their hearts for our Catholic family in Bolivia and around the world! [SLIDE 6, 7]

[OPTIONAL SLIDE 8 – TALK ABOUT IT]