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To Tackle Global Poverty,

[NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] Launches New Catholic Relief Services Club

CITY, STATE, Month Day, Year – Today, [NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] in [NAME OF CITY, STATE], has launched a new club for students to put their faith into action and advocate for solutions to end global poverty.

The NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] CRS Club is part of a network of high school clubs and adult chapters across the United States organized by [Catholic Relief Services](http://www.crs.org/) (CRS), the international aid organization of the U.S. Catholic Church. CRS works on behalf of Catholics in the United States to assist people around the world experiencing poverty and vulnerability. The [NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] CRS Club will be led by [INSERT NAMES OF STUDENTS LEADING THE CLUB] and overseen by [INSERT NAME OF FACULTY OR STAFF INVOLVED.]

QUOTE HERE (IF POSSIBLE) FROM STUDENT MEMBER OR STAFF ADVISOR

As part of their club membership, students will reflect on the relationship between important global issues and the Gospel call to loving service for all. They will learn skills to influence members of Congress and to build a future where all people can reach their God-given potential. For example, students will learn how to write a letter-to-the-editor to a newspaper and how to conduct a legislative visit. They will also learn how to plan events to mobilize and inspire their communities to support programming addressing global issues such as migration and hunger.

“All around the world young people have proven that they can be leaders and actively create change in their communities,” said [Bill O’Keefe](https://www.crs.org/expert/bill.okeefe), CRS’ executive vice president for Mission, Mobilization and Advocacy. “The students of [SCHOOL NAME HERE] are no different. By starting a CRS Club, they have answered the call to be missionary disciples and affirmed their desire to reach beyond the walls of their school and create change on a global scale. CRS is eager to see what they will achieve as they act in solidary and faith.”

Students will also learn from experts in the areas of U.S. foreign policy and global peace and justice. They will work with other CRS [Chapters](https://www.crs.org/get-involved/chapter-member-resources) and Clubs across the country on policies that support the dignity of people around the world.

The creation of the [NAME OF SCHOOL HERE] CRS Club comes at an especially challenging time, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening to push more than half a billion people into poverty while doubling the number of people suffering from food insecurity.

“Our hope is that high school students in CRS Clubs—along with other CRS Chapters in parishes, universities and communities across the country— will activate their determination and energy to become changemakers and lead the way to a better world,” O’Keefe said.

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