# THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

### **GRADES 4-6**

45 MINUTES

#### **OBJECTIVE**

Through the story of Cesia in Nicaragua, students will explore a Catholic social teaching principle, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, and how they can uphold the dignity of others.

#### **MATERIALS**

Map, Cesia's story or video (available at **crsricebowl.org/stories**), Nicaragua Activity Sheet: Grades 4-6

#### **DISCUSSION** (15 MINUTES)

- 1. Locate Nicaragua on the map. Where is it?
- 2. Read or watch Cesia's story.
- 3. Reflect:
  - What stood out to you in this story?
  - How do you see the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers upheld?

#### **ACTIVITY** (25 MINUTES)

- Explain The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Discuss how Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work is important for people. And everyone must receive a fair wage to support themselves and their families.
- Share that access to dignified work at a living wage allows people to remain with their families and build up their communities. When people can't find jobs in their communities, they may search for work far from their homes and families, or even outside of their countries.
- 3. Have students complete the Nicaragua Activity Sheet: Grades 4-6.
- 4. If time permits, ask students to share their reflections.

### **CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)**

Compassionate God,

We pray that each person discovers their passion and true calling.

May all people have the opportunity to pursue their dreams, have safe work and be paid fairly.

Amen

#### AT HOME

 Read and discuss the Lenten calendar daily reflection with your family at dinner.



2. Lead Discussion step 3.

## **NICARAGUA**

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Find the 12 words related to dignified work.

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Write a paragraph reflecting on the value of dignified work using at least four of the words you found.