



## 2021 Pulpit or Digital Announcement for CCHD Annual Collection

### Week of November 13-14 (Appeal Weekend)

Next week, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, also known as CCHD. For over 50 years, the mission of CCHD is to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the promotion and support of organizations that help people help themselves.

CCHD supports these local groups as they create jobs, improve neighborhoods, keep schools safe and enriching for children and raise leaders for the future. CCHD-sponsored programs effectively break the cycle of poverty by building collective power so that people can take action on the issues that affect their lives, families, and communities. [\[Share a local story – examples from each vicariate are on the next page.\]](#)

Last year parishes across the Archdiocese of Chicago raised \$237,000 during collection weekend.

Next week we have the ability to sow tangible seeds of hope by contributing to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Donations can also be made year-round at [www.CCHDchicago.org](http://www.CCHDchicago.org). Thank you for your continued support.

### Week of November 20-21 (CCHD Collection Weekend)

This weekend is the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which for 50 years helps to address the root causes of poverty here in Cook and Lake Counties. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we work together to sow tangible seeds of hope in marginalized communities. Donations can also be made at [www.CCHDchicago.org](http://www.CCHDchicago.org). Thank you for your continued support.

### Sample Projects to Incorporate into Announcements

**Vicariate I: Lake County Sponsors** is working in Vicariate 1 to divert people with mental illness from the criminal justice system by increasing access to affordable housing, securing funding for healthcare and training law enforcement officers in crisis intervention.

**Vicariate II:** Community United (CU) leaders led virtual gatherings of survivors of violence, currently and formerly incarcerated individuals, uplifting their experiences and the need to shift from incarceration to restorative justice and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in prisons. CU also partnered with the National Association of Social Workers-IL to work with the Governor's office to expand mental health services during the pandemic.



**Vicariate III:** In North Lawndale, CCHD funds are helping **St. Agatha Catholic Church** to be a force for positive change and community transformation through its restorative justice work and parent leadership programs. This year, their Parent-to-Parent Outreach has maintained contact with the over 100 families in a network, assuring that all families have been supported with food, utility assistance and emotional support throughout the pandemic.

**Vicariate IV:** Based in Forest Park, **Progress Center for Independent Living** is run by and for people with disabilities, helping them to live full, independent lives in the community. PCIL recognizes the human dignity of people with disabilities and trains them to develop as leaders.

**Vicariate V:** During the pandemic, **Southwest Organizing Project** (SWOP) has provided more than \$1 million in public and private assistance to more than 600 families who needed help paying their rent or mortgage.. Working through its 45 member institutions, SWOP distributed more than 50,000 masks and more than 25,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to families in Southwest Chicago. SWOP recently received a grant to hire 18 contact tracers who will work to reduce the prevalence of Covid-19 in Southwest Chicago.

**Vicariate VI: Alliance of the SouthEast** is uniting diverse communities on Chicago's southeast side to empower young people through restorative justice, to improve conditions in local housing complexes and to advocate for equitable development that will protect the environment and support the common good.