



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to be a voice of hope for those on the margins of society who experience the realities of living in poverty. CCHD supports programs to heal the wounds of crime and violence, advocate for more just policies, protect God's creation, and develop strong communities. Your donation to CCHD will help build a society where all have a voice and all know their inherent dignity.

Often, when juveniles are arrested, their record follows them their whole lives, decreasing their chances of finding gainful employment and increasing their chances of reoffending. Together with the Catholic bishops, groups like the Direct Action and Research Training Center (DART) in Miami are working to reduce the number of juvenile arrests, giving children a real chance at success. Thanks to a strategic national grant from CCHD, DART is working with school and law enforcement officials to decrease the number of school-based arrests and promote alternative, constructive interventions that give children a second chance at their future. Because of their work, school systems are now able to implement restorative justice practices affecting over 65,000 students and resulting in a decrease in suspensions and arrests.

The California Catholic Conference is working with dioceses throughout California to advocate for restorative justice and provide pastoral outreach for communities. Through a grant from CCHD, the California Catholic Conference was able to expand its Nightwalk programs in neighborhoods all over California. During Nightwalk—an event led by community leaders, elected officials, and clergy—community members walk the streets of violence-prone neighborhoods together in an effort to promote peace and reconciliation. These walks unify communities, help them reclaim their neighborhoods, and give them a chance to find pathways out of violence together.

While unifying communities, it is also important to heal the wounds of individuals affected by crime and violence. Healing circles bringing both victims of crime and families of the incarcerated together for honest dialogue and healing. By training more leaders to facilitate these meetings, the restorative power of God's compassion and mercy is more widely spread. As Bishop Richard Garcia of the Diocese of Monterey says, "It's really a question of reaching out to everyone with that merciful love of our God."

Your help is needed to continue the work of CCHD. Remember, 25% of the proceeds from the collection are retained to fight poverty in your own (arch)diocese. Please use the resources we have provided to you, such as announcements and bulletin inserts. Most importantly, please mention the collection from the pulpit.

If you have not received your materials, or if you need more, please contact Bevin Kennedy at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento, CA
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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SIMPLE STEPS

Please take the following steps to promote the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** in your parish:

- 1 ANNOUNCE** the collection in your parish so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it.
- 2 USE** the parish appeal language, bulletin announcements, and poster to educate your parishioners about the work of CCHD in your bulletin or on your website. Additional resources are available at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.
- 3 DISTRIBUTE** the bulletin insert and collection envelopes to your parishioners.
- 4 PRAY** to Our Lady of Guadalupe for justice, that those living in poverty will be comforted and lifted up, and that they will receive a lasting opportunity to preserve their human dignity through meaningful work.

INTERCESSIONS

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, our bishop, **N.**, and all church leaders, that they will continue to proclaim Christ's love and compassion for the poor as they educate the Church about the need to work for justice in our world, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, for all who work to address poverty in this country, and for our parish community, that we may follow Christ's example of love and solidarity with the poor, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That we, the people of God, will open our hearts and souls to justice, so that we will speak and act in ways that will eliminate poverty and injustice in this country and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For the 46.2 million people in our country who experience the pain and suffering of poverty every day, may we join with them to share their burden and at the same time work to create more just communities, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

R/. Señor, escucha nuestra oración.

Por nuestro Santo Padre, Francisco, nuestro obispo, **N.**, y por todos los líderes de la Iglesia, para que puedan continuar proclamando el amor y la compasión de Cristo por los pobres a la vez que ellos educan a la Iglesia sobre la necesidad de trabajar por la justicia en nuestro mundo, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, por todos los que trabajan tratando de erradicar la pobreza en este país, y por nuestra comunidad parroquial, para que sigamos el ejemplo de Cristo de amor y de solidaridad con el pobre, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Que nosotros, el Pueblo de Dios, abramos nuestro corazón y nuestra alma a la justicia para que hablemos y actuemos en maneras que eliminen la pobreza y la injusticia en este país y en todo el mundo, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por los 46.2 millones de personas en nuestro país que experimentan el dolor y el sufrimiento de la pobreza todos los días, que podamos unirnos a ellos y compartir su carga y, al mismo tiempo, trabajar para crear comunidades más justas, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

PARISH APPEAL

Read this text from the pulpit, or include it as part of your weekly announcements.

English

Our parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) soon. The programs funded by CCHD can help change the lives of the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families that are on the margins. People with disabilities will find affordable and supportive housing, men and women reentering society after incarceration will have the opportunity to learn new skills, and community agriculture projects will receive grants to become sustainable. **Please help us continue this good work by supporting the collection for CCHD.**

Lea este texto desde el púlpito o inclúyalo en los anuncios de la semana.

Spanish

Muy pronto nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD). Los programas que financia CCHD ayudan a cambiar la vida de los 46.2 millones de personas que viven en la pobreza aquí en los Estados Unidos. Sus donativos empoderarán a comunidades locales y fortalecerán a familias que viven al margen. Las personas con discapacidades encontrarán viviendas asequibles y propicias, los hombres y mujeres que reingresan a la sociedad después de su encarcelamiento tendrán la oportunidad de aprender nuevas habilidades y los proyectos agrícolas comunitarios recibirán subvenciones para que puedan sostenerse a sí mismos. **Por favor, ayúdenos a continuar con esta buena labor apoyando la colecta para CCHD.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Week Before the Collection

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

The Week of the Collection

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

The Week After the Collection

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

La semana antes de la colecta

La colecta de la próxima semana para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) necesita su ayuda. CCHD fue fundada para romper el ciclo de pobreza en los Estados Unidos otorgando fondos a organizaciones que ayudan a las personas a ayudarse a sí mismas. Con su tradición de mejoras en la educación, en la vivienda y en el desarrollo económico de las comunidades, CCHD continúa teniendo un impacto positivo en las comunidades en todo el país. Su contribución servirá para defender la dignidad humana y llegar a todos los que viven al margen. Por favor, contribuya a la colecta para CCHD.

La semana de la colecta

La colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) proporciona fondos para grupos que ocasionan cambios duraderos y ayudan y respaldan a los pobres en los Estados Unidos. Los donativos de CCHD mejoran la educación, financian el desarrollo económico y crean viviendas asequibles en vecindarios de bajos recursos. Ayúdenos a continuar defendiendo la dignidad humana y construir comunidades de solidaridad. Por favor, contribuya a la colecta para CCHD.

La semana después de la colecta

¡Muchas gracias por sus contribuciones a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD)! Sus generosos donativos ayudarán a CCHD a romper el ciclo de pobreza en los Estados Unidos mediante una mejor educación, mejores viviendas y desarrollo económico. A través de CCHD y sus beneficiarios, demostramos la enseñanza social católica y realizamos la misión de Jesús para "llevar a los pobres la buena nueva . . . para anunciar la liberación a los cautivos y la curación a los ciegos, para dar libertad a los oprimidos" (Lc 4:18).



COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

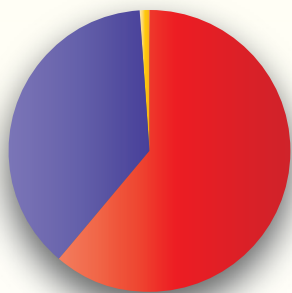
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2014-2015 GRANTS

- Community and Economic Development \$8,451,500 (203 grants)
- Strategic National Grants \$4,031,600 (10 grants)
- Technical Assistance \$231,763 (21 grants)

TOTAL: \$12,714,863

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. It allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is the annual collection held in parishes across the United States. Twenty-five percent of each collection supports anti-poverty projects in the local (arch)diocese where the funds are collected.

2016 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

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