Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Soon, parishes across your diocese will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. When your parish supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, you support our brothers and sisters in faith as they work for justice and peace. Their work, inspired by the Gospel, brings hope to communities threatened with despair.

The neighborhoods of central west Baltimore, MD, face high rates of poverty, violence, and drug use. But our brothers and sisters at the No Boundaries Coalition are passionately crossing race, class, and neighborhood lines to advocate for change in these communities—and they need your help.

One innovative way your donation has helped the No Boundaries Coalition is by supporting its youth-led organizing initiative—the Baltimore Youth Organizing Project. The coalition provides training for young people between the ages of 14 and 21 on community organizing, city government, the budgeting process, and ways to conduct effective meetings. Thanks to this training, these young leaders launched a three-month campaign that restored $2.8 million of funding to after-school programming in the city. This funding had been cut from Baltimore’s budget. But after youth advocated with the city council and mayor, the funding was restored by a unanimous city council vote.

Thank you for your continued support of this collection. The most effective way you can support this collection is to mention it at Mass. Tell this story, and use the parish appeal or bulletin announcements inside. Additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, are available online at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or at ncpromo@usccb.org.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend David P. Talley
Bishop of Alexandria
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Simple Steps

1. **ANNOUNCE** the collection in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.

2. **PREACH** about the realities of poverty in the United States and the importance of standing in solidarity with those on the margins. The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity. The Sacrament calls us to be in right relationship with God, ourselves, and others. As the Body of Christ, our mission is to help transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world.

3. **PRAY** for the intercession of 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 46.7 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./

INTERCESIONES

R/. Señor, escúchanos.

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 eliminan la pobreza y la injusticia en este país y en todo el mundo, oremos al Señor. R./

Por los 46.7 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

Our special collection today supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. CCHD supports those living in poverty across the country by funding programs that empower local communities to address their challenges. CCHD identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week Before the Collection

Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Week of the Collection

Please be generous in this week’s special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised $[amount] to support those who live on the margins and in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on “How to Give” on the left.

LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

Hoy, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD). Más de 46 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven hoy en pobreza. CCHD apoya a aquellos que viven en pobreza en nuestro país financiando programas que empoderan a las personas para que puedan responder a sus desafíos. CCHD identifica y trata de abordar aquellos obstáculos singulares que enfrentan las personas que tratan de salir de la pobreza. Además, el 25% de los fondos que recaudamos permanece aquí en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos antipobreza en nuestra comunidad.

Semana antes de la Colecta

Nuestra colecta especial la próxima semana apoyará a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Más de 46 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos hoy viven en pobreza. Esta colecta financia programas que empoderan a las personas para identificar y tratar con los obstáculos mientras que trabajan para hacer cambios positivos y permanentes en sus comunidades. Aprenda más acerca de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Semana de la Colecta

Por favor, contribuya generosamente en la colecta especial de esta semana, la cual apoya a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. En los Estados Unidos, una de cada seis personas vive en pobreza. A través de esta colecta usted apoya programas que tratan con las causas de la pobreza y proporcionan un futuro sostenible a las personas que siguen luchando en el país. Además, el 25% de los fondos recaudados permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos antipobreza en nuestra comunidad. Por favor, en oración, considere la manera de apoyar a esta colecta y trabajar desde la periferia. Encuentra más información sobre la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, en www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Semana después de la Colecta

¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada para la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano! Como parroquia, hemos recaudado $[cantidad] para apoyar a aquellos que viven en la periferia y en pobreza en los Estados Unidos. ¡Si usted no alcanzó a dar, aun lo puede hacer! Visite www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, y haga clic en el enlace “How to Give”, al lado izquierdo.
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS
2017-2018 GRANTS

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Category: Community and Economic Development Grants
  - Dollars: $10,750,500.00
  - Number of Grants: 207

- Category: Strategic National and Regional Grants
  - Dollars: $4,380,600.00
  - Number of Grants: 10

- Category: Technical Assistance Grants
  - Dollars: $408,582.00
  - Number of Grants: 27

- Category: Creating Resilient Communities, Access to Housing, and Strong Schools
  - % of Funding: 28.4%

- Category: Building a Just Economy and Protecting Worker Rights
  - % of Funding: 24.5%

  - % of Funding: 23.6%

- Category: Reforming the Criminal Justice System
  - % of Funding: 8.7%

- Category: Defending the Rights of Immigrants
  - % of Funding: 8.7%

- Category: Protecting the Environment
  - % of Funding: 4.3%

- Category: Expanding Access to Health Care and Empowering Persons with Disabilities
  - % of Funding: 1.9%