



October 28, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 16-17, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. One of the principles that has made CCHD successful at reaching people on the margins for more than 50 years is its support for community-based solutions rather than uniform, top-down programs that do not account for local needs or include local voices.

All CCHD grants, national and local, are approved by the bishop in the diocese where the funded groups operate. When you give to CCHD, 50% of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Erie to help your own community.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please prayerfully consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for contributing to CCHD's outreach to those on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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