

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE

Name: _____

Title (if any): _____

School/Employer: _____

Permanent Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Diocese: _____

NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Title (if any): _____

School/Employer: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Diocese: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

The young adult is Catholic and between 18 and 30 years old.

Signature _____ Date _____

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
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Washington, DC 20017-1194

CHD 5035



Do you know a young,
faith-filled Catholic
between the ages of 18-30
who has demonstrated
leadership against poverty and
injustice in the United States?

NOMINATE HIM OR HER FOR THE

**Cardinal Bernardin
New Leadership Award**



**A PROGRAM OF THE
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the national anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Campaign puts the Gospel and our Catholic social teaching into action by supporting low-income, community-based projects and through transformative education of the non-poor. Through an annual parish collection, CCHD has distributed over 8,000 self-help grants valued at over \$290 million.

The Campaign recognizes the leadership, energy, and diverse skills that young people bring to the anti-poverty work of low-income projects and Catholic parishes. The Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award highlights the gifts of young leaders and their gospel commitment to the poor.

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin (1928-1996) demonstrated strong leadership to fulfill the option for the poor in the United States and to build bridges across ethnic, class, and age barriers. Cardinal Bernardin began his ministry at a young age and was ordained a bishop while still in his thirties. In his role as the first bishop named General Secretary of the NCCB/USCC, he nurtured the vision for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and helped to shepherd it through its first years. He remained a strong supporter of CCHD while serving as Archbishop of Cincinnati and Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago. It has been said about Cardinal Bernardin that his gift was a vision to build consensus “that doesn’t just settle for what already exists, but moves us ahead to what is possible.”

THE BERNARDIN AWARD IS DESIGNED TO

- Recognize new and future leadership against poverty and injustice
- Promote young people as leaders in our communities
- Honor outstanding young leaders and their organizations/parishes
- Strengthen the Catholic community’s participation in CCHD’s anti-poverty mission

ELIGIBILITY

The award will be given to a young Catholic, age 18-30, who demonstrates all of the following:

- a. Leadership consistent with the work and philosophy of CCHD in addressing poverty in the United States with effective, systemic solutions
- b. A commitment to working with and on behalf of people living in poverty, and relationship building between those who are poor and non-poor
- c. Potential for continued leadership towards social change

NOMINATIONS PROCESS

1. Nominations may be submitted by a pastor, university faculty or staff, a local CCHD diocesan director, or a colleague.
2. The nominator should submit the nomination form and a one-page recommendation (please see the *nomination form instructions* on the next page) **no later than July 31**.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

- Prior to determining the award recipient, CCHD national staff will seek endorsement by the local Catholic bishop.
- The award recipient will be chosen and notified by October 1.
- CCHD will honor the recipient with a \$1,000 cash award and a reception held in conjunction with the November meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C. CCHD will cover the recipient’s travel and one overnight stay in Washington, D.C.

For more information or to download this brochure, go to www.usccb.org/cchd/bernardin.shtml. Specific questions can be addressed to Jill Rauh via e-mail at jrauh@usccb.org, or by phone at (202) 541-3297.

NOMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Please attach a one-page recommendation of the nominee to this form. Be sure to do the following:

- Include specific examples of activities in which the person has been engaged in addressing the *causes of economic poverty and effecting institutional change*
- Describe how the nominee’s Catholic faith plays a role in the above-mentioned activities
- Describe the nominee’s leadership skills and social justice experience with the parish, university, or CCHD-funded group
- Include how the nominee demonstrates a commitment to carrying out the Church’s option for *and with* the poor*

Submissions that reflect only direct service projects (e.g., daycare, food pantries, homeless shelters, etc.) will not be considered.

Up to two pages of additional supporting biographical documentation may be included.

Send the completed nomination package by **July 31** to:

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By fax: 202-541-3329

* To learn more about how CCHD carries out this commitment, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.