

# Fight Poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity.

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Dear Diocesan Director,

The national date for the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is approaching. This Collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Collection proceeds have helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, legal advocacy to enforce fair and just wages, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing for low-income neighborhoods. For 40 years, CCHD has provided funding to groups that make lasting change, fight poverty, and defend the dignity of the poor in the United States.

CCHD funds groups all over the country that identify the systemic problems in their communities that keep residents in poverty and then work to solve them. One such group, Faith Action Strength Together in Pinellas County, Florida, has had an impact on county-wide discipline reform in schools, provided quality child care for low-income working parents, and convinced the local county commission to put more than \$19 million in a trust to construct and rehabilitate more than 1,000 units of affordable housing. Please help us **fight poverty in America and defend human dignity** by encouraging your parishes to use the bulletin announcements, parish appeal, and bulletin insert we have provided. Additional resources and stories are available on our Web site, [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections). Remember that 25% of your diocese's Collection stays in your diocese for local anti-poverty projects.

Please contact Mary Mencharini Campbell, promotions director in the Office of National Collections, at 202-541-3346 or [mcampbell@usccb.org](mailto:mcampbell@usccb.org) if you need additional materials or have questions about the collection. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger P. Morin  
Bishop of Biloxi  
Chairman, Subcommittee on the  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

