



October 31, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 19-20, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

This annual collection supports the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops working to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low incomes participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.

Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. CCHD is a manifestation of our call to a discipleship that fosters a “solidarity which ‘would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny’” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no.190). The Gospel message compels us to assist others in finding creative solutions to poverty, so that we are able to break the cycle of dependence and powerlessness in society.

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 consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate the effects of poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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