



THE DIOCESE OF YAKIMA • PASTORAL OFFICE
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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the United States, more than 46 million people are living in poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is our anti-poverty program to help them find hope and a way to a more secure life. Support offered to this collection reaches those living on the margins and gives them a hand up, not a hand out. This collection is to be taken up in our Diocese the weekend of July 15-16.

In Washington State, our PREPARES initiative to assist women and families through the first five years of a child's life, starting at conception, is being funded with the help of a strategic national grant from CCHD.

Around Charleston, South Carolina, many children live in poverty, creating undue stress and uncertainty in their lives. Compounding these problems, deteriorating school systems struggle to provide quality education and appropriate discipline, and there is a high rate of school-based arrests. By engaging congregations and communities all over the city, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is working to improve the education system and keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice system. With your support of the CCHD Collection, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry is able to provide community engagement to reduce youth arrests and violence.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help the CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and those it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Please remember that 25 percent of the collection remains in our Diocese to help fund local anti-poverty efforts.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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