



October 30, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 18-19, 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 income participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout. Additionally, CCHD helps to educate the public on poverty related issues, using the perspective of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching.

CCHD has made over 9,000 grants to support people living in poverty break the cycle of poverty, and over 200 organizations are supported each year through the annual collection taken up in dioceses. Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. 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 eradicate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

