

**Cardinal Bernardin
New Leadership Award
Nomination Form**

*Deadline for submissions
is April 15th, 2019*

I. Nominee Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

(Arch)Diocese: _____

Is the nominee Catholic? _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

DOB: _____

II. Nominator

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Parish: _____

Permanent Mailing Address:

Relationship to nominee: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

The information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator's Signature: _____

Date: _____

III. Please attach a one page recommendation of the nominee to this form. For your nominee to be considered in the selection process, you should:

- Describe how the nominee's Catholic faith plays a role in the activities for which they are being nominated.
 - ⇒ Include specific examples of social action and empowerment activities in which the nominee has been engaged in addressing the *root causes of economic poverty and injustice.*
 - ⇒ Include how the nominee demonstrates a commitment to carrying out the Church's option for those who are living in poverty.
- Describe the nominee's leadership skills and social justice (not direct service) experience with the parish, university, CCHD-funded group or other Catholic institution.

IV. Additional supporting biographical documentation may be included (maximum of two pages).

Nominations may be sent by mail, email or fax to:

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**CARDINAL BERNARDIN
NEW LEADERSHIP AWARD**

*For Young Adult
Social Justice Leaders
in the Catholic Church*



A PROGRAM OF THE
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Background of the Cardinal Bernardin Award:

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the national anti-poverty program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. CCHD puts the Gospel and Catholic social teaching into action both through supporting low-income community based projects and by transformative education of the non-poor. Through an annual parish collection, CCHD has distributed over 11,000 grants valued at over \$360 million to community groups which promote empowerment and self-help projects.

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

Throughout his life, 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 nascent vision of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and helped shepherd it through its first years. He remained a strong supporter of CCHD while serving as the Archbishop of Cincinnati and the Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago. It has been said that Cardinal Bernardin's gift was his vision to build consensus "that doesn't just settle for what already exists, but moves us ahead to what is possible."

With the campaign's threefold mission of empowering the poor, educating people about poverty and justice issues, and building solidarity between the poor and non-poor, it is a remarkable expression of Catholic social teaching.

-Cardinal Bernardin, August 25, 1995

The Bernardin Award is designed to:

- Recognize new and future leaders working against poverty and injustice
- Promote young 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 is given to a young Catholic, age 18-40, who demonstrates:

- leadership consistent with the mission of CCHD to address the root causes of economic poverty
- a commitment to carry out the Church's option for the poor through the empowerment of people living in poverty and relationship building

Nominations Process:

Nominations may be submitted by a pastor, university faculty or staff, a local CCHD Diocesan Director, a CCHD-funded group, or a colleague.

The nominator should submit the nomination form, a one-page recommendation, and up to two pages of supplementary biographical information, no later than April 15th, 2019.

For guidelines, please see the [nomination form](#) on the reverse side.

Award Notification:

- CCHD will seek the endorsement of the local Catholic bishop prior to determining recipients.
- One award recipient will be chosen and notified by mid-May.
- CCHD will honor the recipient with a \$1000 cash award and a reception held in conjunction with an annual meeting of the U.S. Catholic Bishops in Baltimore, MD on November 12th-13th, 2019. CCHD will cover the recipient's travel and one overnight stay for the winner and a guest.

Questions can be addressed to Charlie Gardner via email at cgardner@usccb.org or by phone at (202) 541-3372.