

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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"... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

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The domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development was founded in 1969 and established in 1970 as the Church's response to systemic poverty & inequality:

“There is an evident need for funds designated to be used for organized groups of white and minority poor to develop economic strength and political power in their own communities.” - National Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 1969

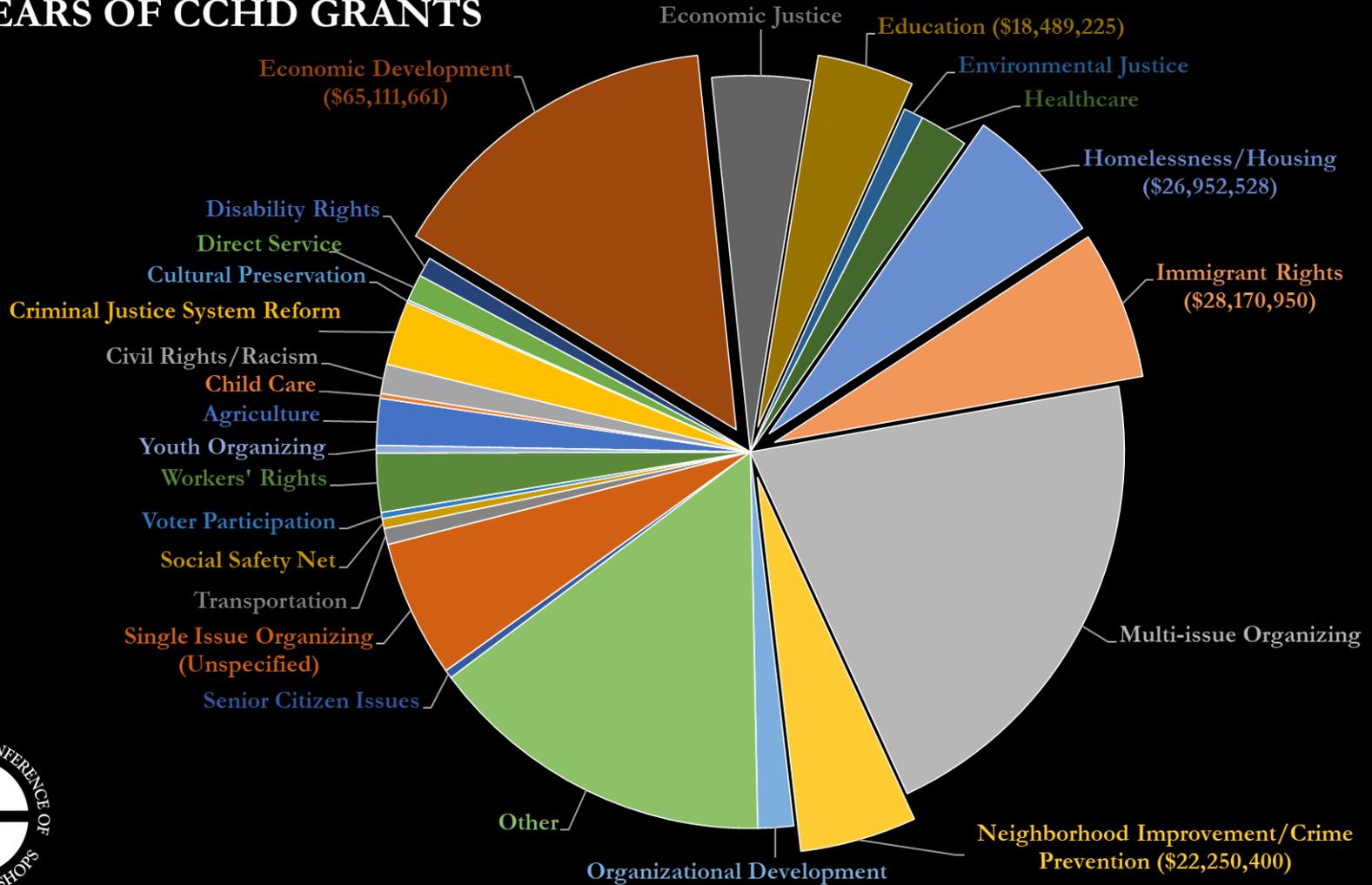


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- ▶ Over the last 50 years, CCHD has given over **\$440 million** in grants supporting nearly **12,000 community-based, grassroots-led organizations** since it began its work.
- ▶ Over **950 clergy and religious** are currently involved in CCHD's work & **over 1200 parishes** are currently engaged with the work of CCHD-funded groups.



50 YEARS OF CCHD GRANTS





Community members celebrate the opening of The Aquinas Center in Philadelphia, PA

The Church at Work in the World



CCHD's Dual Mandate: Transformative Education

- ▶ CCHD enables Catholics of all ages to not only understand the reality of poverty in America but to work together with their neighbors to transform their community.



The Power of CCHD



CCHD's Impact: Funded Organizations

Metropolitan Congregations United, St Louis, MO: Facilitated Sacred Conversations on Race (+ACTION) as a way to provide safe and facilitated opportunities to engage congregations in addressing structural racism in the wake of the 2014 shooting of Michael Brown and proceeding unrest.



CCHD's Impact: Funded Organizations

Opportunity Threads, Morganton, NC:
A worker-owned cut-and-sew cooperative that provides just wages, safe working conditions, and employee ownership for immigrant and low-income textile workers.



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Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, Porcupine, SD: A grassroots community development organization that works to improve the quality of life for low-income Native American families on the Pine Ridge Reservation by building sustainable affordable housing as a path to end poverty and build equity and wealth among community members.





The Church at Work in the World



CCHD's Impact: Engagement of Young Adults

 **Catholic Campaign for
Human Development**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL
RECEPTION HONORING
OGECHI AKALEGBERE
RECIPIENT OF THE
Cardinal Bernardin
New Leadership Award**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
AT 6:00 PM
AT THE BALTIMORE MARRIOTT
WATERFRONT HOTEL
IN THE ESSEX ROOM**

Celebrate with Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres,
and an Open Bar.
ALL ARE WELCOME.



CCHD's Impact: Engagement of Young Adults

- ▶ Over the last 30 years, CCHD has provided over **500 fully funded internships** in **more than half the dioceses in the United States**.
- ▶ Including **more than 23** clergy and seminarians since 2008.



CCHD's Impact: Engagement of Young Adults

"My time as an intern for CCHD brought to life all the theology I was studying as a graduate student . . . I could not be more grateful for the work of CCHD and its prophetic call for all Catholics to love our neighbors." – **Laura Kelly Fanucci, M.Div. Writer and Author, St. Cloud, MN**

"The CCHD internship is has been the single most influential formation in practical expression of Catholic social doctrine that I have ever received." – **Louis Damani Jones, St. Louis, MO**

"My internship with CCHD showed me how the church puts integral human development into practice. The experience of CCHD putting faith into action influences the way I continually live out my faith, including how I raise my two children." – **Emily Schumacher-Novak, M.A., Washington, D.C.**

"Exposure to CCHD's work of empowerment and solidarity made the mission of the Church come alive in an entirely new way and was a transformative experience that has had a lasting impact for me as a priest." – **Rev. Desmond Drummer, Archdiocese of Atlanta, Consultant to the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**



50 Years of Community Transformation

- ▶ For 50 years, CCHD has embodied the call of the Church to go out to the margins, to “touch and heal the wounds of others.” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 70).
- ▶ Learn more about the work of CCHD at usccb.org/cchd & PovertyUSA.org

