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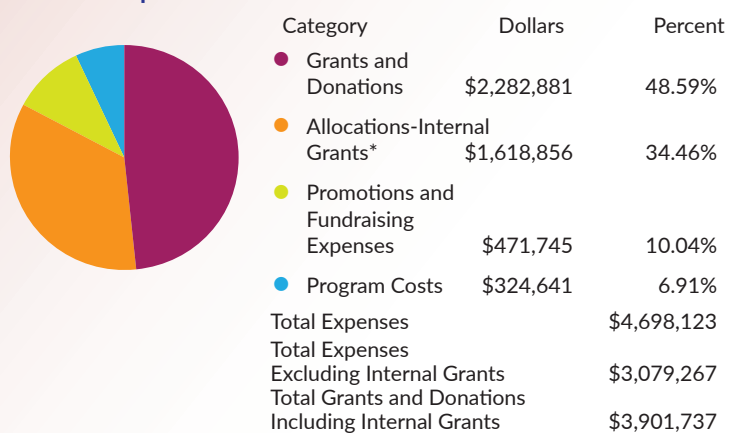
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2024 Grants



2024 Expenses



*Internal grants in 2024 included a distribution from the CCHD collection to the education and outreach program of the Secretariat of Justice and Peace, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty. In addition, in November 2024, the CCHD Subcommittee approved three internal grants totaling \$277,500 to support key national initiatives within the Secretariat of Justice and Peace to enhance poverty education efforts and to sustain the essential work of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism in promoting equity, healing, and justice within the Church and society.

2026 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Across the country, many Americans struggle to make ends meet in the face of rising costs of housing, food, education, and healthcare. This phenomenon is not isolated just to major cities; it extends throughout all regions, including outside the continental United States. In Hawaii, where the high cost of imported goods drives up expenses, this problem is especially severe. According to 2024 data from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, a single person earning nearly \$78,000 annually in Honolulu is considered low-income.

Confronting high living costs and systemic discrimination, Hawaiian Native women reentering society after incarceration struggle to find employment that pays a living wage so they can build thriving lives for themselves and their families. Pacific Peer Connection (PPC) empowers these women by training them to become peer support specialists, converting their experiences of trauma, addiction, mental health challenges, and incarceration into valuable assets. By creating peer support jobs and offering other leadership experiences, PPC helps address the root causes of poverty by guiding community members to use their own experiences to assist others facing the same challenges.

This peer-to-peer, community-based approach embodies the principles of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). With grant funding from CCHD, PPC is

strengthening its ability to train leaders and promote advocacy that empowers Hawaiians facing significant challenges. When you give to the CCHD collection, 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese, so you also help your own community build on this legacy of success.

We need your continued support for this collection. Four effective ways you can help are to mention it at Mass, tell this story, publish the parish appeal or bulletin announcements inside this resource, and use the additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, available at www.usccb.org/cchd.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic
Campaign for Human Development



Simple Steps

1. **Announce** the collection in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. **This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.**
2. **Preach** about the realities of poverty in the United States and the importance of standing in solidarity with those on the margins. The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity and calls us into right relationship with God, ourselves, and others. As the Body of Christ, the Eucharist sends us on a mission to transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world.
3. **Pray** for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe in support of justice, so that those living in poverty will be comforted and lifted up and will find lasting opportunities to preserve their human dignity through meaningful work.

Intercessions

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Holy Father, Pope N, our bishop, N., and all Church leaders, that they will continue to proclaim Christ's love and compassion for the poor as they educate the Church about the need to work for justice in our world, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, for all who work to address poverty in this country, and for our parish community, that we may follow Christ's example of love and solidarity with those who live in poverty, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For us, the People of God, that we will open our hearts and souls to justice so that we will speak and act to eliminate poverty and injustice in this country and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For the nearly 37 million people in our country who experience the pain and suffering of poverty every day, that we may join with them to share their burden and at the same time work to create more just communities, let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

Visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of this text that you can copy into your parish bulletin.

Intercesiones

R/. Señor, escúchanos.

Por nuestro Santo Padre, papa N, nuestro obispo, N., y por todos los líderes de la Iglesia, para que continúen proclamando el amor y la compasión de Cristo por los pobres a la vez que ellos educan a la Iglesia sobre la necesidad de trabajar por la justicia en nuestro mundo, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, por todos los que trabajan tratando de erradicar la pobreza en este país, y por nuestra comunidad parroquial, para que sigamos el ejemplo de Cristo de amor y de solidaridad con aquellos que viven en pobreza, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por nosotros, el Pueblo de Dios, que abramos nuestro corazón y nuestra alma a la justicia para que hablemos y actuemos para eliminar la pobreza y la injusticia en este país y en todo el mundo, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Por los más de 37 millones de personas en nuestro país que experimentan el dolor y el sufrimiento de la pobreza todos los días, para que podamos unirnos a ellos y compartir su carga y, al mismo tiempo, trabajar para crear comunidades más justas, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Bulletin Announcements

Week Before the Collection

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Week of the Collection

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$[amount] to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources." iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for the collection if you prefer to donate online to fully support CCHD's national programs (see QR code).



Parish Appeal

Today's special collection supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. CCHD supports those living in poverty by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people confront as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous.

Anuncios para el boletín

Semana antes de la colecta

La próxima semana, nuestra colecta especial apoyará a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Cerca de 37 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven en pobreza. Esta colecta financia programas que empoderan a las personas para identificar y tratar con los obstáculos que enfrentan para traer cambios permanentes y positivos a sus comunidades. Infórmense más acerca de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en www.usccb.org/cchd.

Semana de la colecta

Por favor, esta semana sean generosos en nuestra colecta especial para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. En los Estados Unidos, más del 11% de la población vive en pobreza. Con esta colecta, ustedes apoyan a los programas que tratan con las causas raíz de la pobreza y proporcionan un futuro sostenible a aquellos que luchan por salir adelante en todo el país. Además, el 25% de los fondos que recaudamos permanece aquí en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos locales antipobreza. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta colecta y a aquellos que trabajan desde la periferia. Pueden encontrar más información sobre la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano en www.usccb.org/cchd.

Semana después de la colecta

¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano! Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$[cantidad] para apoyar a aquellos en la periferia quienes viven en pobreza en los Estados Unidos. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a donar, aún lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, y hagan clic en "How to Give" bajo "Resources." iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para la colecta si es que prefieren donar en línea para apoyar totalmente a los programas nacionales de CCHD, vean el código QR.

Llamado a la parroquia

Nuestra colecta especial de hoy apoya a la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD, en inglés). Cerca de 37 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven en pobreza. CCHD apoya a aquellos que viven en pobreza financiando programas que empoderan a las comunidades locales para tratar con los desafíos que ellas enfrentan. CCHD identifica y aborda los singulares obstáculos que enfrentan las personas mientras que ellas y sus comunidades trabajan para salir de la pobreza. Además, el 25% de los fondos que recaudamos permanece aquí en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos locales antipobreza. Al apoyar a esta colecta, ustedes están dándoles una mano, no una limosna, a aquellos que viven en la periferia. Por favor, sean generosos.