

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

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JPHD Poverty Education Resources

Domestic Poverty Resources:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: [CCHD](#) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, providing the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation. CCHD is an essential component of the Church in the United States' social mission, and a unique part of the Catholic community's broad commitment to empowering and standing in solidarity with low-income people, families, and communities.

PovertyUSA: [PovertyUSA](#) is an initiative of CCHD that educates and promotes understanding about poverty and its root causes.

- [Stories of Hope](#): For over four decades, CCHD has supported nearly 8,000 community-based projects led by low-income people through our grant program. Here are some of their stories.

Economic Justice: The Catholic bishops of the United States believe building a just economy that works for all encompasses a wide range of issues.

- Learn about: [food security and hunger](#), [work and joblessness](#), [homelessness and affordable housing](#), and [tax credits for low-income families](#), as well as protecting programs that serve poor and vulnerable people in the [federal budget](#).
- Learn about the USCCB's pastoral statement: [A Place at the Table](#).
- Learn about [Poverty, an Option for the Poor, and the Common Good](#).
- *Poverty in America, 2014 and a Catholic Response*: [Watch this webinar](#) to learn more about poverty in America and to hear about one CCHD-funded group that is working to help their community fight poverty. Take a closer look at the [statistics displayed during the presentation](#).

We Are Salt and Light: [WeAreSaltAndLight.org](#) is helping communities witness to their faith and respond to Pope Francis' call to be a Church which "goes forth!" Integrate the call to mission through your effort to pray, reach out, learn, and act together.



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International Poverty Resources:

Catholics Confront Global Poverty: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) call on **one million Catholics** in the United States to confront global poverty. Advocate with us to end hunger, disease, conflict, and other issues that affect the lives of our brothers and sisters worldwide.

Environmental Justice Program: A [program](#) working to educate and motivate Catholics to a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation, and encourage Catholics to address environmental problems, *especially* as they affect poor and vulnerable people.

- To learn more about our call to care for God's creation, read the papal encyclical by Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*. Find helpful resources [here](#).
- Read a Story of Hope about [The Catholic Multicultural Center](#) a CCHD-funded group working on environmental justice.
- Use this primer on [Care for Creation](#).

USCCB Position on Sustainable of Development Goals: The Holy See and its Permanent Observer Mission to the UN have spoken out often on both the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing integral human development and the importance of keeping the human person at the center of the SDGs. This engagement includes supporting goals and targets that provide access to development assistance and working to oppose those that seek to push funds towards reproductive health policies favoring abortion. The Holy Father in *Evangelii Gaudium* has highlighted the importance of social justice and the role that faith-based organizations can and should play in implementing poverty alleviation programs like those suggested in the SDGs. Pope Francis also underlines the importance of promoting peace and reconciliation to address conflict that has thwarted progress in the past. The Holy See has continuously critiqued the idea that population growth is responsible for poverty, rather than the social and economic conditions that threaten human dignity. In his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis wrote: "Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. At times, developing countries face forms of international pressure which make economic assistance contingent on certain policies of 'reproductive health'. ... To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues" (50). Read the whole statement [here](#).