

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Your Eminence/Excellency,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) was established in 1969 to help those living in poverty help themselves by addressing the root causes of poverty in their local communities, empowering them to make positive changes for their families and neighbors. Inspired and guided by the Gospel and the social teaching of the Catholic Church, CCHD supports organizations working to respect human dignity, foster solidarity, prioritize the needs of the poor and vulnerable, and encourage self-help and participation in decision making and leadership.

Communities Organized for Public Service (COPS), founded in 1978 in San Antonio, Texas, has long worked to fulfill this mission. Among its historic accomplishments, COPS trained 600 people for high-wage jobs and lowered fees for poor children participating in the city's summer recreation program.

Your generous support for CCHD over these past 50 years has helped groups like COPS work with community members to improve their lives through education, community involvement, and voter registration. Today COPS members work to improve test scores, daily attendance, and graduation rates among poor students in San Antonio public schools by building partnerships between faculty and parents, as well as between schools and the communities they serve. Your support of CCHD has helped San Antonio families work with local schools to improve education outcomes for children and provide employment opportunities for adults living in poverty.

Please promote this collection in your parishes. **You can help the CCHD collection by asking your pastors to mention the collection at Mass and using the bulletin announcements, parish appeal, and social media tool kit, all available for download at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.** If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or at ngerman@usccb.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David P. Talley
Bishop of Memphis
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