



October 27, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For over 40 years the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has funded organizations that address the root causes of poverty in their communities. CCHD works for the relief of those oppressed by poverty by empowering neighbors to help one another eliminate these causes. This special collection, which will be held November 19-20 in our Belleville Diocese, is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs.

One CCHD-funded group, AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy), has provided the women of Story County, Iowa, with a mobile clinic where they can receive the prenatal care they need but could not otherwise afford or access. The trained medical professionals on board the mobile clinic provide ultrasound services and exams but not contraceptives or abortions.

In Ohio, WIN Action Organizing Project is working to provide foreclosure prevention assistance to thousands of homeowners. Through continued collaboration with national lenders, the project has been able to help keep hundreds of low-income families in their homes.

Through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development the Catholic Church is working to break the cycle of poverty. Please help fight poverty in America and defend human dignity through your support of the upcoming CCHD collection. Please remember that 25% of collection proceeds stay here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors. For more information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the groups it funds, please visit www.usccb.org.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward K. Braxton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville

Please read this letter, print a synopsis of it or the suggested bulletin inserts below in your bulletin and make appropriate announcements on the weekends of November 12-13 and November 19-20. The collection is to be taken up at all Masses on November 19-20.

Envelopes for this collection should be in your parishioners' regular envelope packets. Please send the proceeds of this collection to the Chancery no later than Friday, January 13, 2012. Please make the check payable to "Catholic Diocese of Belleville" and indicate "CCHD" in the lower left-hand corner of the check. Your cooperation in forwarding the check by the requested date is appreciated.

Suggested Bulletin Insert for November 12-13

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD was founded 40 years ago by the bishops of the United States when they realized that the lives of those in need would not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty were changed. For 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that seek justice and create lasting change. Please remember that 25% of our local collection's proceeds stays here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

Suggested Bulletin Insert for November 19-20

Today, we take up a collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. For 40 years the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and lift up the poor in the United States. The Collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, legal advocacy to enforce fair wages, programs that emphasize education and affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Please remember that 25% of our local collection's proceeds stays here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**