



October 25, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be held November 20-21 here in our Belleville Diocese. This collection supports works of charity and justice by funding community groups whose goals are to solve problems and change policies that keep low-income residents in poverty.

One Florida group receiving funding from CCHD, composed of 20 churches, is called Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE). HOPE stepped in to support children at risk of school failure. The group worked with the school district to develop a program through which suspended students attend a supervised site during their suspension. There, they do schoolwork, receive academic help from a teacher and spend time with a counselor to deal with the underlying problems that led to suspension. Students who may have become stuck in a cycle of misbehavior and punishment are now improving their conflict management and academic skills, setting the stage for a more secure future.

Groups who receive funding from CCHD find problems that affect them and then work to find just solutions. Through CCHD, the Catholic Church is working to seek justice and reflect Catholic social teaching. Please help the efforts of CCHD to break the cycle of poverty. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Support CCHD in the upcoming collection.** Please remember that 25% of our local collection's proceeds stays here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors.

For more information about the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the groups it funds, please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

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 13-14 and November 20-21. The collection is to be taken up at all Masses on November 20-21.

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 7, 2011. 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 13-14**

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 20-21**

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.**