



# **Archdiocese of Baltimore's Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Social Justice in Action.**

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*Catholic Social Teaching in Action***

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# Today's Objectives

- Review the history and purpose of CCHD.
  - Hear how Catholic Social Teaching applies to CCHD.
  - Receive information on how CCHD works.
  - Examine the differences between Charity and Justice.
  - Discuss the experiences of two organizations who have been recipients of CCHD grants.
  - Practice some ways of applying CCHD principles and practices.
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# Opening prayer

God of Justice, open our eyes  
to see you in the face of those in poverty.

Open our ears to hear you  
in the cries of those exploited.

Open our mouths to defend you  
in the public squares as well as in private deeds.  
Remind us that what we do to the least ones,  
we do to you.

Amen

From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice,  
USCCB, April 1998

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# Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Life And Dignity of The Human Person
  2. Preferential Option For The Poor and Vulnerable
  3. Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers
  4. Solidarity
  5. Care For God's Creation/ The Environment
  6. Call To Family, Community and Participation
  7. Rights & Responsibilities
  8. Subsidiarity
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# Two Feet Love in Action:

## Social Justice AND Charitable Works



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# What is .....?

- **Catholic Charities of Baltimore:** “Inspired by the Gospel mandates to love, serve and teach, Catholic Charities of Baltimore provides care and services to improve the lives of Marylanders in need.” <https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/>
- **Catholic Relief Services:** Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.  
<https://www.crs.org/about/agency-strategy>
- **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>



# **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) ...**

**is the Anti-poverty Program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>

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# History of Catholic Campaign for Human Development

## 1970 Catholic Church's Response To

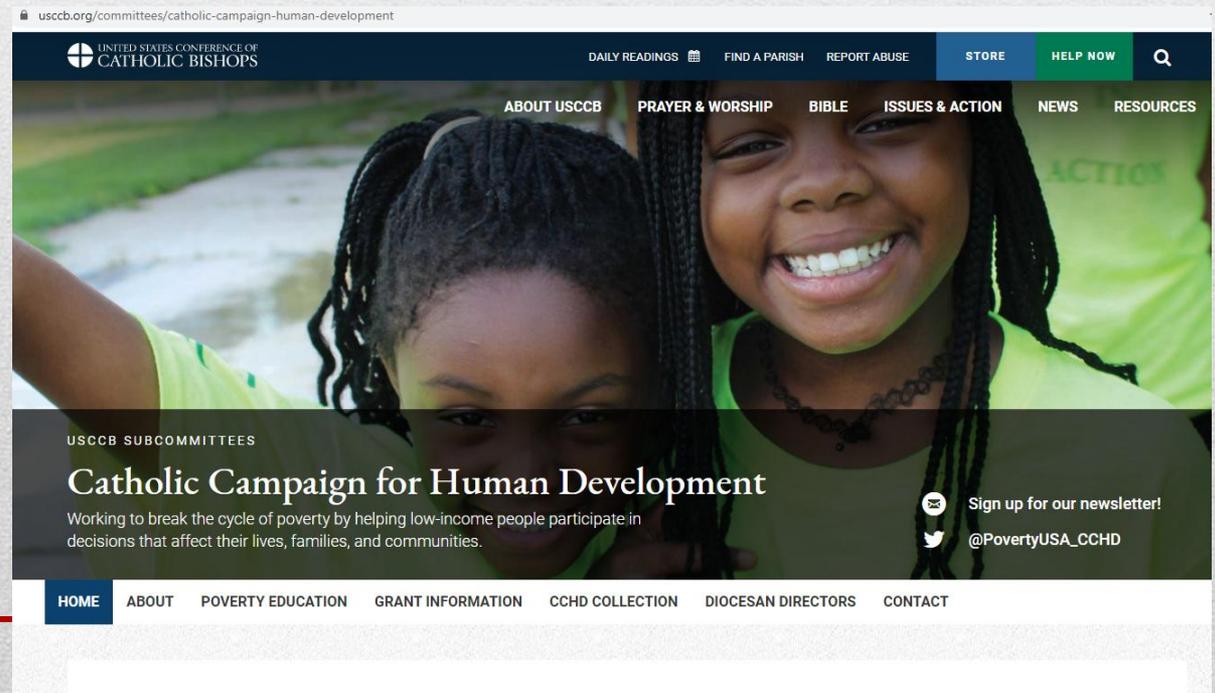
Address the Root Causes of Poverty in the United States.

Grant money to fund projects which address the root causes of poverty

Organizations must be managed by people experiencing poverty.

Themes: Participation, Self-Help, Empowerment

In his first major document, Pope Leo XIV says Scripture and tradition clearly show that "God has a special place in his heart" for the poor and oppressed, and he asks his church "to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest."



The screenshot shows the website for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The URL is [usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development](https://usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development). The page features a dark blue header with the USCCB logo and navigation links: DAILY READINGS, FIND A PARISH, REPORT ABUSE, STORE, and HELP NOW. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: ABOUT USCCB, PRAYER & WORSHIP, BIBLE, ISSUES & ACTION, NEWS, and RESOURCES. The main content area has a background image of two young girls smiling. The text on the page reads: "USCCB SUBCOMMITTEES", "Catholic Campaign for Human Development", and "Working to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities." There is also a call to action to "Sign up for our newsletter!" with the Twitter handle @PovertyUSA\_CCHD. The footer contains a navigation bar with links: HOME, ABOUT, POVERTY EDUCATION, GRANT INFORMATION, CCHD COLLECTION, DIOCESAN DIRECTORS, and CONTACT.

# Mission 1: Allocation of CCHD GRANTS

- Collection in November in EVERY US Catholic Church
- CCHD awards grants to organizations who address a root cause of poverty in THEIR community through institutional change.
- Funding for projects/groups created and maintained by the people impacted by poverty.
- Available Funding “pots”: National CCHD 75% and Local CCHD 25%
- Types of Grants:
  - 1. Community Development Grants**  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/cchd-community-development-grant-program>
  - 2. Economic Development Grants**  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/cchd-economic-development-grant-program>

# Community Development Grants



- Fund organizations that are led by people living in poverty
  - At least 50% of organization's board must be people living in poverty
  - The project works to change structures and policies that perpetuate the cycle of poverty-that is work on the root causes of poverty.
  - Efforts must demonstrate a commitment to dignity of the human person.
  - Projects must help low-income people gain leadership skills such as:
    - identifying barriers to change
    - brainstorming solutions to community problems
    - and taking action to change problematic structures and systems in their communities.
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- ( Taken from work by Sean Wendlinder)

# Mission 2: Social Justice Education

Educate The Non-poor About The Causes Of Poverty

A shift toward promoting social justice education through new materials focusing on Catholic Social Teaching.

Educating programs seeking to promote a more just society, one in which **all** people are empowered

## Efforts at National CCHD

- Website with many resources
- Poverty USA Resources
- Internship Program
- Catholic Social Teaching Materials  
Pamphlets, Lesson plans, Videos, Prayers

## Efforts at Local CCHD Level

- November: Appeal Weekend at parishes
  - Various Parish Outreach Activities & Events
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“United Workers” is an example of an organization that received a Community Development Grant from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

[United Workers- CCHD 50th Anniversary Video.mp4 \(dropbox.com\)](#)

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# Economic Development Grants



- Fund initiatives that significantly include the voice of the poor and marginalized in:
  - developing new businesses that offer good jobs and/or
  - developing assets that will be owned & enjoyed by local communities.
- At least 30 % of the organization's board must be low income.
- Some examples of economic development grants include real estate initiatives such as land trusts, worker-owned businesses, and social purpose training businesses.

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( Taken from work by Sean Wendlinder)

“Drink at the Well” has started several businesses to empower women recovering from trauma and is an example of an organization that received an economic development grant from CCHD.

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# **CCHD Promoting Social Justice In the parish in the community**

**Poverty USA** <http://www.povertyusa.org/>

**Justice, Peace & Human Development**

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development>

Two Feet in Action Resources: Brochure, video, facilitators guide etc

Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism

A Scriptural Way of the Cross for Lent

Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace

Communities of Salt and Light: Being Neighbors

**Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Office**

Parish Social Ministry Guidebook

Just Neighbors : interactive program

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Let's apply this  
handout:

Two Feet  
Love in Action:

Social Justice  
AND  
Charitable Works



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### SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### REMOVE ROOT CAUSES IMPROVE STRUCTURES

- Expand access to affordable housing
- Work to improve the education system
- Extend legal protection to unborn children
- Support environmental protection laws
- Participate in a living wage campaign
- Promote peace
- Advocate for international assistance

### CHARITABLE WORKS

#### MEET BASIC NEEDS AID INDIVIDUALS

- Volunteer at homeless shelters
- Tutor children
- Assist women who face a crisis pregnancy
- Participate in a community beautification program
- Donate to food pantries and clothing closets
- Sponsor a refugee family
- Raise money for an overseas development project



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# Institutional Change Quiz: true or false

1. Your group opens a free health care clinic. Individuals with low-income can now properly manage conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, weight, and smoking cessation, overall health of individuals and community improves.
2. Your group organizes a letter-writing campaign to your city councilperson around the issue of loose pit bulls, takes pictures of loose dogs noting date and time. You meet with the councilperson who introduces a bill requiring all pit bull owners to have a fence and a yearly inspection of the fence.
3. At the local office where individuals sign up for benefits ( e.g. SNAP and housing assistance) the workers are rude. Your group complains and the office institutes a courtesy training program after which the employees are nicer to the applicants.
4. Your group opens a food pantry with a free coffee café. It becomes a popular gathering spot where people can talk about how to change their circumstances.
5. Your group is concerned about elderly people who cannot afford their medications. You spend 3 years lobbying politicians, getting stories in the media and organizing rallies for affordable medication. Congress passes a law eliminating co-pays for Medicare patients.

## Institutional Change

## Direct Service or Charity

Addresses Root Causes of Poverty: such as racism, unemployment, lack of education or economic opportunities

Direct Assistance

Serves Larger “Community”

Individual is assisted

Individuals experiencing the issue identify and create the solution

Individuals experiencing the problem receive the *offered* help

Long Term Changes in the economic structure either *Community Development* (solutions to improve lives or neighborhoods) or *Economic Development* (initiatives develop new businesses, create new jobs, develop assets)

Short Term meeting of immediate Need

Addresses underlying structures that trap people in a cycle of poverty (unjust systems, policies, situations that perpetuate poverty)

Helps the person in the moment

# Small group

- Looking at your community, can you identify a root cause of poverty that your parish or group could work on?
  - Remember to look at treating the cause of the problem not the effects.
  - For example, maybe people with low incomes in your area struggle with homelessness because a lack of affordable housing.
    - Treating an effect might be establishing a winter shelter to house people in parish buildings for a week.
    - Treating a cause might be working to pass a law mandating that new construction permits require a percentage of the housing built be workforce affordable housing.
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### **CCHD National:**

<http://www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/index.cfm>