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The national date for the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is approaching. This Collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. Collection proceeds help secure funding for low-income day care centers, changes to laws to enforce fair and just wages, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing for low-income neighborhoods. For 40 years, CCHD has provided funding to groups that make lasting change, fight poverty, and defend the dignity of the poor in the United States.

CCHD funds groups across the country that identify the systemic problems in their communities that keep residents in poverty and then work to change them. One such group, Faith Action Strength Together in Pinellas County, Florida, has had an impact on county-wide discipline reform in schools, provided quality childcare for low-income working parents, and convinced the local county commission to put more than \$19 million in a trust to construct and rehabilitate more than 1,000 units of affordable housing. Please promote the Collection in your diocese with the resources available on our Web site, www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. There you will find ads, clip art, Web banners, and more. Remember that 25% of your local Collection stays in your diocese for local anti-poverty projects. If you have questions or need help, please contact Mary Mencarini Campbell, promotions director, at 202-541-3365 or mcampbell@usccb.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger P. Morin
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"There exist also sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel: 'Their equal dignity as persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.'"

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1938, quoting Gaudium et Spes, no. 29

