



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Committee

The purpose of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) committee is to support, promote, and grow the work of CCHD within the St. Louis Archdiocese.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), founded in 1969, is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). CCHD's mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through the promotion and support of low-income community organizations. A special collection for CCHD is taken in Catholic parishes throughout the country on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. That collection is then used to provide grants to organizations throughout the country and locally that support and empower low income people. CCHD funded groups work to change social structures and policies which undermine life and dignity, especially for the poor and vulnerable. In addition to the collection and a local and national grant process, CCHD also has a goal of educating Catholics about the staggering reality of poverty in the United States as well as about the Social Teachings of our church and how we are called to support marginalized communities.

CCHD seeks to establish a committee that is reflective of our archdiocese (with the intent of having at least one representative from all 10 deaneries). By having a committee member from each deanery, the diverse needs, ideas, and involvement of our entire archdiocese will be represented. The committee members should be committed to justice, giving a voice to the poor and the Catholic Social teaching of the church. The activities to be conducted by the committee include:

- **Engage and educate** parishioners and clergy on CCHD, the work of CCHD funded grantees, the impact of poverty in our community, our state and our country. Do this by connecting them with needed materials (given by CCHD diocesan coordinator).
- **Promote the annual CCHD collection** within given deanery
- Participate in **the review of grant applicants** and the administering of the local grant money. This will require several site visits.
- Attend and participate in up to four meetings annually.

If you have interest in being on the committee or for more information please contact:

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