

HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY. GIVE TO THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 23-24!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ asks us to reach out in love and compassion to those who are poor. We can do this on the weekend of November 23-24 by giving to the Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

CCHD assists those in poverty both in the Diocese of Arlington and throughout the country by helping them lift themselves out of poverty into a life of independence. I personally approve all grants that are awarded in our Diocese to ensure that our support goes to projects that are consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “the Eucharist commits us to the poor” (CCC 1397). CCHD helps us live out this eucharistic call to live in communion with those who are poor. I urge you to support the CCHD Collection.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Burbidge



“CCHD strengthens family life in our diocese and in our country by enabling parents to provide for their children and live by the fruit of their own labor.”

Bishop Michael Burbidge

WHAT IS CCHD?

CCHD is the Church’s anti-poverty program in the United States, addressing public policies and the lack of skills and resources that keep people in poverty. **CCHD follows the example of Jesus, who said to the man lowered through the roof, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”**

WHERE DOES YOUR CONTRIBUTION GO?

Your contribution funds projects right here in our diocese and around the country that help people start businesses, gain job skills, and learn how to work with others to improve their communities. Last year, your generosity enabled us to give \$120,000 in grants to six projects in our diocese that assist our neighbors in need.

HERE'S HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE BRINGING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON THIS YEAR:



\$15,000 to **Good Shepherd parish in Alexandria** for ReRoute 1, which assists residents of Alexandria's Route 1 corridor. The parish hosts a summer academic camp for low-income elementary school students, and brings their parents together to discuss how to work together to solve common problems.



\$20,000 to **Micah Community Café in Fredericksburg**, which trains homeless people to work in the food service/hospitality industry, serves high-quality meals to people who experience food insecurity, and creates a space for all community members—those of means and those in need—to share a table in equal dignity. **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish** is an active partner of the Café.



\$20,000 to **NOVALACIRO**, a membership-led organization that helps members of the local Latino community address community needs and concerns, develop leadership skills, and become economically self sufficient.



\$10,000 to **Fredericksburg Regional Head Start** for its family-strengthening Parent Project, which equips low-income parents to participate actively in their children's education, and to advance their own education and job goals. This project works closely with **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish**.



\$5,000 to the **Consumer Advisory Council of Pathway Homes**, a Fairfax non-profit that provides permanent housing to people with mental illness, to help Pathway's clients learn how to advocate for their own needs and for policies that improve the lives of people with mental illness.



A \$50,000 national grant to **Centreville Immigration Forum**, which helps immigrant workers as they strive to receive just wages, acquire English language skills, build stable lives, and contribute to the community.