



October 13, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the weekend of November 15-16, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your support for this collection, which going forward in the Diocese of Erie will be known as the Local Needs Collection, brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped people with low income address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving "one-size-fits-all" handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

This record of success shows how your support makes a positive impact in vulnerable, under-resourced communities across the country. When you give to this collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because this year 75% of your contribution stays within our own diocese and 25% goes to the national office of CCHD to assist across the nation. This way you help our own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and eradicate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development/Local Needs.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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