

Fight Poverty in America. Defend Human Dignity.

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Dear Diocesan Director,

For over 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has funded organizations that work to end poverty and defend human dignity in neighborhoods throughout the United States. With your generous support to the CCHD Collection, we are able to use your gifts of treasure for efforts that help end poverty. Since 2005, 36% of all CCHD funding has gone toward economic development, housing, and education programs that revitalize low-income communities.

In the neighborhood of Roxbury, near Boston, Dearborn Middle School is struggling academically and holding classes in a dilapidated building. Greater Boston Interfaith, a CCHD grant recipient, is organizing parents, teachers, administrators, students, and churches to turn the school into the state's first 6-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) high school. By getting involved at the ground level with the support of the superintendent and state treasurer, Greater Boston Interfaith is able to train church leaders in the skills necessary to support the STEM school's work and ensure its successful implementation. They understand that a strong education is key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Please help us continue to support our brothers and sisters struggling in poverty. **Fight poverty in America and defend human dignity** by encouraging your parishes to use the bulletin announcements, parish appeal, and bulletin insert we have provided. Additional resources and stories are available on our website, www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. Remember that 25% of the Collection stays in your (arch)diocese for local anti-poverty projects.

Please contact Mary Mencarini Campbell, promotions director in the Office of National Collections, at 202-541-3346 or mcampbell@usccb.org if you need additional materials or have questions about the Collection. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Lk 12:34)

