

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Dear Editor/Communications Director,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has served diverse communities across the United States for more than 50 years by empowering local leaders to advocate for jobs and educational opportunities, for affordable health care and housing access, and for the rights of vulnerable communities. In this spirit, seven dioceses in the southwestern United States implemented the Recognizing the Stranger program with support from a CCHD National Strategic Grant. Recognizing the Stranger continues the tradition of making Catholic parishes into places of welcome and support for immigrants by providing parish identification cards they can use during interactions with law enforcement.

When your diocese supports CCHD, you continue the Church tradition of welcoming immigrants and defending the rights of the poor and marginalized. Your contribution helps not only those communities along the U.S. border and in big cities but also neighbors in your community, because 25% of your contribution stays in your diocese.

Please support CCHD and strengthen relationships in parishes, foster unity and solidarity between citizens and immigrants, and help clergy, laypeople, and civic officials better respond to the needs of their local immigrant communities. Use your publication(s), website, social media channels, and any other outlets to tell this story and the story of all those who live on the margins. Promotional materials, including a social media tool kit, are available at www.usccb.org/cchd.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermain@usccb.org. It may be helpful to know that [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.givecatholic.com) also accepts funds for this program if parishioners in your diocese are looking for a way to support this collection through online donations. Thank you for joining us to work with those on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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