



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Cardinal  
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July 2, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During his 1987 pastoral visit to the United States, beloved Pope John Paul II of happy memory stated: “Jesus Christ was born poor, lived poor and died poor. He loved the poor. In his kingdom, the poor have a special place. The Church cannot be any different.” Responding with love to the poor and assisting them, as best we are able, is a fundamental dimension of what it means to truly be Christ’s Church.

Since 1969, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), under the direct sponsorship of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, has worked for justice by addressing the root causes of poverty in America. Through promotion and support of community organizations composed primarily of low-income people, CCHD expresses in word and deed the Catholic Church’s unwavering solidarity with those who live on the margins of our society. Organizations receiving CCHD funding actively engage the poor to participate in local self-help efforts aimed at securing affordable housing and health care for families, quality day care and education for children, and job training and placement assistance for the unemployed and underemployed.

Each year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sponsors a nationwide collection in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the annual collection will occur on the weekend of July 9-10, 2011. Some of the funds collected support national projects, with another portion assisting worthwhile organizations in the communities and neighborhoods of our own region. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia exercises due diligence in carefully reviewing all applications for grants from community organizations in our region, ensuring that the mission, goals, activities, and associations of prospective grant recipients are consistent with the Catholic Church’s social and moral teaching.

Over 43 million Americans now live below the poverty line, many of them children. No one deserves to be subject to the hunger, danger, and insecurity that daily afflict so many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development makes you a partner with your neighbor near and far in their struggle to break the cycle of poverty and realize a better, more dignified future for them and their children. On their behalf, I express my heartfelt appreciation for your generous response to this appeal.

Sincerely in Christ,

**+ *Justin Card. Rigali***

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of July 2 and 3, 2011; the collection is taken up the following weekend of July 9 and 10, 2011. Collection remittal should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.)