

# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

**Dear Diocesan Director,**

Organizations and initiatives that receive support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) are based in the communities they serve. They give voices to community members who know and understand the challenges they and their neighbors face each day.

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL), based in south Minneapolis, Minnesota, is one example. In May 2020, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer on the same block where CTUL's offices are located. During the unrest that followed, CTUL distributed masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer to mourners. CTUL turned its office into a pop-up food pantry to distribute thousands of pounds of groceries to neighborhood residents who were being cut off from their usual sources of groceries. At the same time, CTUL was also helping community members by launching a COVID-19 navigator program to help workers access unemployment and other relief services, as well as working with other grassroots organizations to ensure city and state officials enacted just policy responses to COVID-19.

Familiarity with the communities served by CCHD-funded organizations allows those organizations to work for long-term change and also to respond with agility to local community needs. When your diocese supports CCHD by holding the collection, you make a positive impact in cities across the country and in your own diocese, where 25% of your contribution helps make change locally.

As you know, the annual collection is the sole source of funding for CCHD's grant and education programs. **The most effective things you can do to help the CCHD collection are to ask your pastors to mention the collection at Mass and also to use the bulletin announcements, parish appeal, and social media tool kit in your own outreach; all resources are available for download at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).** Please share these resources with your parishes to support their efforts. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or [mhren@usccb.org](mailto:mhren@usccb.org). Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely,



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