



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, our diocese will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places where they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered through the 25 percent share of our collection that stays here.

For example, the Padua case management program of Catholic Charities Fort Worth helps clients develop a foundation of well-being — emotional well-being, mental and physical health. They have proven to help clients find a path out of poverty by learning the ability to have strong relationships and support systems.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Seymour, Texas is one of eight active Christian congregations that are members of the local Seymour Ministerial Alliance (SMA). With CCHD funds, the SMA set up emergency housing providing temporary shelter for those who are homeless and without shelter as a step towards returning them to an active participation and contribution within the common good of society.

CCHD funds from this special collection also support the Mini-Loan Conversion Program of the Fort Worth District of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This effort seeks to bring about systemic change by helping qualifying families eliminate car title or payday loans.

Nationally, CCHD works with the Rural Community Workers Alliance to help advocate on behalf of rural workers for safe working conditions and promote gatherings to address racial divisions in the community as a way to help immigrants and nonimmigrants discover similarities and share their experiences.

Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year by making a difference for families living in poverty across the United States and throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org).

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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