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ON GIVING TUESDAY

**DECEMBER 2, 2025**

ADVANCED GIVING  
STARTS NOV 17

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## **#iGiveCatholic 2025**

Advanced Giving begins on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our 2025 funds will be used to enhance our safety and security at Immaculate Conception Church and School.

We will be making improvements to our outdoor lighting, security cameras, installing bollards, etc.

Taking these measures to provide the very best safety and security measures for our parishioners, guests and students are very important to us.

You can donate by using the envelopes in your pew, using the QR code, or by visiting our website ([icclarion.org](http://icclarion.org)).

Thank you for your continued support!



# Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

## Celebrating the Holy Year 2025 Together

Diocese of Erie  
November 2025



YEAR OF JUBILEE

### World Day of the Poor

*Every form of poverty, without exception,  
calls us to experience the Gospel concretely  
and to offer effective signs of hope.*

—Pope Leo XIV

The World Day of the Poor (November 16) was established by Pope Francis to encourage communities to care for the poor and reflect on their central place in the Gospel. (OSV News photo/courtesy of Catholic Charities)

Welcome to the *Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope* monthly newsletter. Join us each month for ways to stay connected and to celebrate this Holy Year.

#### CALLED TO CONNECT

*This month we celebrate the Jubilee of the Poor. We see the struggles of the poor every day. Individuals who find themselves not having funds to provide basic necessities for life. **The Jubilee reminds us that we are all called to serve the poor and vulnerable with love and humility.***

*The Diocese of Erie is committed to Pope Leo's priority of caring for the poor, recognizing that our faith calls us to serve those most in need — for it is people who are our most important asset. The Good Samaritan Center in Clearfield was founded to address the lack of housing available for homeless men and to provide funding to help destitute families pay their bills. By removing the emotional burden and uncertainty of homelessness it allows the individual to overcome their problems and regain independence and self-respect again and become an asset for their community instead of a liability. The financial assistance we provide allows families to help stay in their home and to not become homeless.*

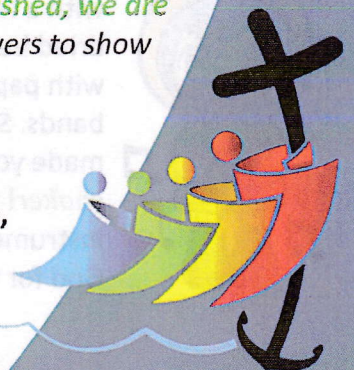
*During the Jubilee as we reflect on the dignity and the rights of the impoverished, we are all reminded to be people of mercy. We should all recognize God's need for his followers to show compassion and support to the poor and needy.*

Douglas K. Bloom | Chief Executive Officer, Good Samaritan Center, Clearfield



**Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."**

*According to the Scriptures Matthew 25:40*





## PRAYER

### PRAYER TO OUR LADY BY ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mary, mother of Jesus, give me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, so full of love and humility that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as you loved Him, and serve Him as you served Him in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor. Amen.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Key dates:

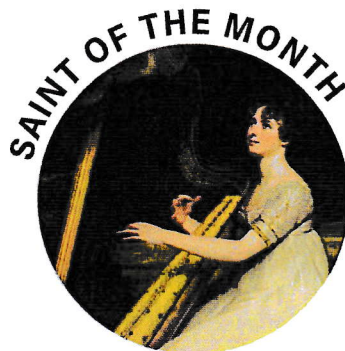
- **November 16** - Jubilee of the Poor
- **November 22-23** - Jubilee of Choirs

## HEY, KIDS OF CHRIST!

**Jubilee vocab: Hymn** - A song of praise, prayer or petition we sing to God. When we sing hymns at Mass, we pray with our voices and hearts, joining together to thank and love God.

Luce is so excited about the **Jubilee of Choirs!** Music helps us praise God and share joy with others. This month, Luce has an idea to make a special reminder that **your voice is a gift from God.**

Find an empty paper towel tube and decorate it with bright paper, stickers or markers. You can even draw musical notes or little angels singing! Then, fill the tube with a few spoonfuls of rice or dried beans and cover both ends with paper secured by rubber bands. Shake it gently—you've made your very own **praise shaker!** Every time you play your instrument, remember to thank God for the gift of music.



**St. Cecilia** is the patron saint of music and singers. Her deep devotion to God was expressed through song, bringing comfort even amid suffering.

## FAITHFUL FACTS!

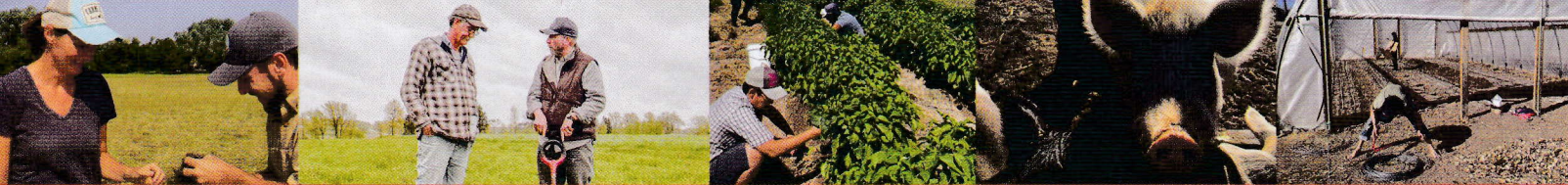
Did you know that the Catholic Church is the largest charitable organization in the world? Through thousands of missions, schools, hospitals and outreach programs, the church serves millions of people living in poverty every year. Catholic Relief Services alone works in more than 100 countries, providing food, education and emergency aid, all inspired by the church's call to see Christ in the poor.

## LIVING THE MISSION

**Many in our world today struggle with poverty, loneliness and the feeling of being forgotten. As disciples of Christ, we are called to see his face in those who suffer, and to respond with mercy and love. How is God calling you to bring the light of Christ to the poor and those on the margins, so that they too may know their dignity as children of God? This month, choose one concrete way to live that mission. How can you share your time, talents or treasure with those who need it most?**







# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church has always taught us, through the words of Sacred Scripture and the witness of saints like Francis of Assisi, that the natural world is created by God, that it is good, and that humans have a special duty to care for creation so that it benefits not only themselves but also future generations. Today we live in a time where pollution, climate change, and poor agricultural practices harm creation and place us all in danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis responded to this environmental crisis by issuing the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), in which he emphasizes the connection between humanity and nature and calls for "the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (no. 13).

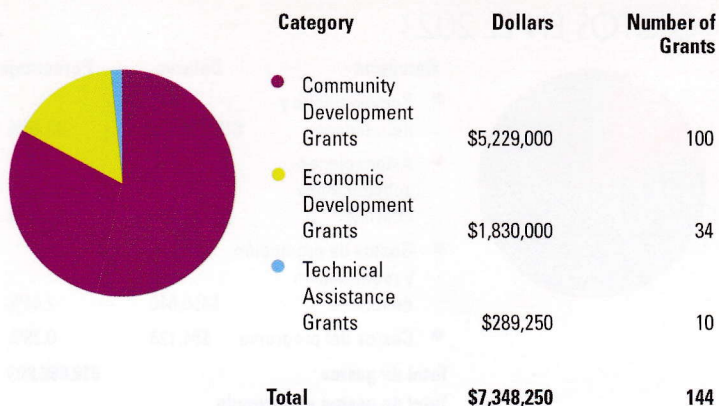
This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes

locally grown, sustainable, and nutritious foods available to low-income people. With support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), La Cosecha has expanded its outreach beyond Albuquerque to 11 rural New Mexico counties, increased year-round accessibility to healthy produce and other food products, and obtained a US Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices food-safety certification for its cooperative farm partners.

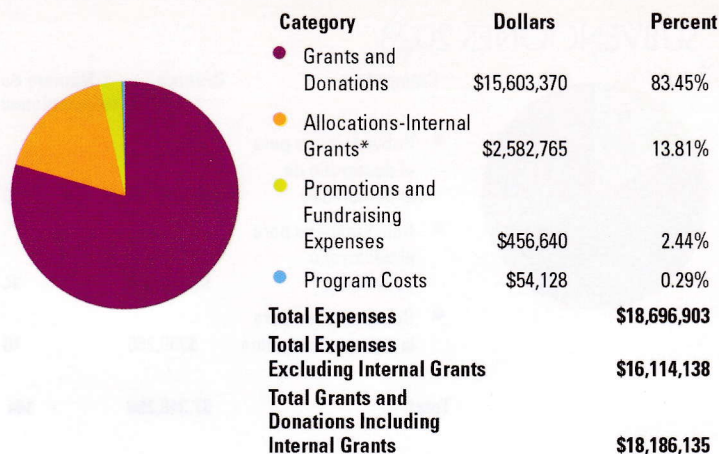
CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution remains in your diocese to create local solutions to poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

## 2023 GRANTS



## 2023 EXPENSES



\*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations and for the education and outreach program of the Office of Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.

**LEARN** about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.



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# CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO TRABAJANDO DESDE LA PERIFERIA

La Iglesia Católica siempre nos ha enseñado, a través de las palabras de la Sagrada Escritura y del testimonio de santos como Francisco de Asís, que el mundo natural es creado por Dios, que es bueno y que los humanos tienen la singular tarea de cuidar a la creación para que ésta les beneficie no solo a ellos, sino también a las futuras generaciones. Hoy vivimos en un tiempo en el que la contaminación, el cambio climático y las malas prácticas agrícolas están dañando a la creación y nos están poniendo a todos en peligro.

En el 2015, el papa Francisco respondió a esta crisis ambiental publicando la encíclica *Laudato Si'* (*Sobre el Cuidado de la Casa Común*), en la cual él enfatiza la conexión entre la humanidad y la naturaleza y hace un llamado para “unir a toda la familia humana en la búsqueda de un desarrollo sostenible e integral” (n° 13).

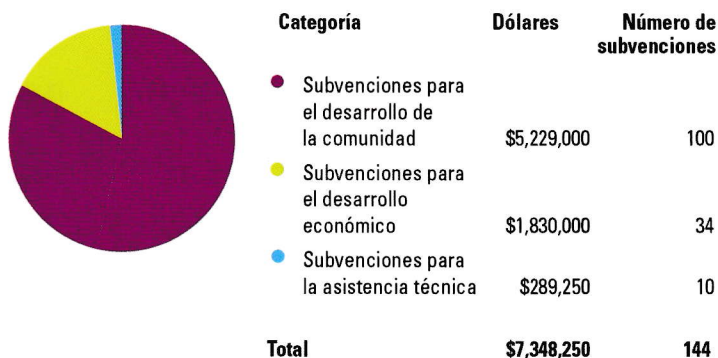
Este espíritu de cooperación, sostenibilidad y dignidad humana alienta la labor de organizaciones como La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, una red de cooperativas agrícolas apoyada por la comunidad, en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, la cual pone a disposición de las personas de bajos ingresos, unos alimentos nutritivos y sostenibles y

cultivados localmente. Con el apoyo recibido de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD), La Cosecha amplió su alcance más allá de Albuquerque llegando a 11 condados rurales en Nuevo México, incrementó el acceso durante todo el año a productos agrícolas saludables y otros productos alimenticios y obtuvo la certificación de seguridad alimentaria de Buenas Prácticas Agrícolas del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos para sus socios de cooperativas agrícolas.

Las organizaciones que reciben fondos de CCHD nos enseñan a cuidar el medio ambiente, a responder a las necesidades de los pobres y, al mismo tiempo, a brindar nuestro apoyo a las empresas responsables y sostenibles de la localidad. Cuando ustedes participan en la colecta para CCHD, no solo están ayudando a otras comunidades, sino que también están ayudando a las suyas ya que el 25% de sus contribuciones permanecen en su diócesis con el fin de crear soluciones para la pobreza en su localidad.

Para informarse más acerca de esta colecta para CCHD y la manera en que CCHD sostiene las enseñanzas morales y sociales de la Iglesia Católica, visiten [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

## SUBVENCIONES 2023



## GASTOS EN EL 2023



\*Las subvenciones internas incluyen una distribución de la Colecta de CCHD para los gastos de operación de CCHD y para el programa de educación y extensión de la USCCB para la Paz, la Justicia y el Desarrollo Humano, el cual incluye el compromiso de los católicos a nuestro llamado pleno de fe para abordar las causas raíz de la pobreza.

**APRENDAN** acerca de aquellos que viven en la pobreza y que trabajan para mejorar sus comunidades. • **ACTÚEN** y diseminen información sobre la pobreza compartiendo este folleto. • **CONÉCTENSE** con la labor de CCHD brindando su apoyo a la colecta. • **OREN** por los beneficiarios de esta colecta.



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