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## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

Our diocese soon will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God.

In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own diocese, because 25% of the funds we collect stay here. This year, we were able to give \$25,000 to help start the Light of Hope Fund in collaboration with Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington, to assist families struggling due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In Washington State, our PREPARES initiative to assist women and families through the first five years of a child's life, starting at conception, has been funded with the help of two strategic national grants from CCHD. Pregnant women and struggling families with young children require assistance with their material and spiritual needs, regardless of their background. For low-income Hispanic women, this is especially true, because linguistic and cultural differences pose unique challenges for pregnancy volunteers and pastoral ministers.

In our diocese and in the Spokane Diocese, for example, your generosity to CCHD helps a group called PREPARES en español to minister to our large and vibrant Hispanic communities. By training Spanish-speaking and bilingual volunteers and coordinators, and through developing Spanish-language materials, PREPARES en español offers support groups, family companions, and parent/child learning and play groups that not only assist vulnerable families, but do so in a context of respect for the unique cultural needs of Hispanic families. With your contributions, Spanish-speaking families are strengthened and nourished at the parish level in these dioceses.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for pregnant women and families living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

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