

BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LOCAL FUNDING

CCHD is a work of the Catholic Church in the United States, and it is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, which works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. By retaining a portion of the CCHD collection which takes place in all Catholic parishes each November, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is proud to make available funds to local organizations that fulfill the mission and values of the Campaign.

CCHD draws its directions, policies and practices from Catholic social and moral teaching, prohibits the funding of organizations that violate fundamental Catholic teaching, and seeks in all its work to carry out the following central themes of Catholic social teaching in the following ways:

- **Respect of Human Life and Dignity:** CCHD works to protect and enhance the life and dignity of all from the first moment of conception to the moment of natural death and every moment on the spectrum of life in between, especially focusing on the lives and dignity of those who are poor, vulnerable or suffering economic or other injustice.
- **Priority for the Poor:** CCHD practices the Church's priority for the poor, helping low-income and vulnerable people improve their lives and communities by their own actions.
- **Participation:** CCHD works from the bottom up, emphasizing self-help, participation and decision-making by poor people themselves to address their own situation.
- **Subsidiarity:** CCHD focuses on local communities seeking to give voice to those closest to problems of poverty as these communities address economic injustice working with local, state or national institutions to address the causes of poverty.
- **Solidarity:** CCHD is a sign of solidarity, standing with and for those who are poor, seeking to strengthen communities and helping to build bridges between those who are poor and those who are not.
- **Strengthen Family and Build Community:** CCHD works to support and strengthen the fundamental social institutions of marriage and family and other mediating structures, including parishes, neighborhoods, community organizations, economic development groups and worker and other associations.
- **Pursuing Justice:** CCHD supports self-help efforts to bring about positive institutions changes that address root causes of poverty, carrying out Pope Benedict XVI's teaching that "justice is inseparable from charity, and intrinsic to it. Justice is the primary way of charity..." and his call to pursue the common good through "the institutional path...of charity." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 6-7).
- **Faithful Stewardship:** CCHD seeks to make effective and faithful use of resources – financial, institutional and human – to advance CCHD's work in accountable and transparent ways;

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops intends that that CCHD funds be used to overcome poverty, pursue social justice, better social and economic conditions, ease racial and ethnic

tensions, and advance the USCCB priorities of protecting the life and dignity of the human person, strengthening marriage and family life, and recognizing cultural diversity.

CCHD requires that grantees will not engage in activities in conflict with the central principles of Catholic social teaching as outlined above. The grantee agrees that it will not engage in activities in conflict with fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching. Among other things, the grantee agrees that it will not promote or support abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, discriminatory measures toward immigrants, or use of the death penalty. Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing initiatives that promote in any way legislation, propositions or ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that are contrary to fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching. In addition, the grantee agrees that it will not knowingly participate in any coalition that has as part of its organizational purpose or agenda the promotion of actions that violate this teaching.

It is recognized that social change often includes the element of conflict with those in power or important decision-makers. However, conflict must take place in an atmosphere of non-violence and respect for human persons.

The grantee also agrees that it will not engage in prohibited political campaign intervention on behalf of or opposition to any candidate for political office within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

For consideration for funding by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, along with a completed application form, the director of the organization is requested, through his/her signature below, to indicate the intention of the organization to adhere to these principles.

Signed: _____

Project: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____