



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

November 1, 2024

“Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever. (Dan 12:3)

First Reading, Sunday, November 17, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you!

Sunday November 17 is the **World Day of the Poor**, whose theme this year is *“The prayer of the poor rises up to God (cf. Sirach 21:5)”*. On that date our diocese will participate in the U.S. Bishops’ annual national collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development-CCHD**. Through this second collection, support for CCHD enables the active participation of those experiencing poverty to address this complex challenge and build a just society with their neighbors.

Please remember that 25% of the CCHD collection in our diocese stays in Hawaii to respond to challenges of poverty in communities here. CCHD funds donated from our parishes have contributed to a variety of effective community efforts, including helping houseless survivors of natural disasters rebuild their lives; assisting formerly incarcerated or homeless women with transitional housing and job training; and supporting non-profit organizations helping low-income families build and own affordable housing.

I strongly encourage all to give generously to the CCHD collection as a way of giving witness to Jesus, responding to the prayer of the poor by building a world with justice for all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu