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My Dear Friends in Christ,

***“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:35)***

Heeding the gospel call to love others, the **World’s Poor** collection will take place March 5-6, 2016. Through this collection, parishes are asked to host a combined collection for agencies that work against poverty and promote human dignity in the name of the Catholic Church. The 2016 collection includes the Catholic **Campaign for Human Development, Peter’s Pence**, and the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection**. Please join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**-Twenty-five percent of this collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts. CCHD seeks to defend human dignity and reach out to those who are marginalized. They strengthen local communities by funding projects to increase justice and express the charity of Christ toward the poor. Your support helps to end poverty, one community at a time.

**Catholic Relief Services** funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on the behalf of victims of human trafficking. This collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to *help Jesus in disguise*.

**Peter’s Pence** unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis “and you are, dear brothers and sisters the face of Jesus.” Your parish’s contribution to this collection enables the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance.

Attached are bulletin announcements to help alert your parishioners in advance of this collection. Encourage them to be generous to each of these causes, and let them know that their support will make a difference in the lives of so many.

Please mail your parish check and standard remittance form to the Catholic Foundation, PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI 54305-3001.

May God continue to bless you. Know that I am grateful for your prayers. Please know that you are in mine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL  
Bishop of Green Bay

March 5-6  
*World's Poor Collection*  
Bulletin Announcements

**Two Weeks Before**

**World's Poor Collection – March 5-6**

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 5-6), we will sponsor a special collection for the World's Poor. It combines an appeal for three agencies that serve the poor and those living on the edges of society all over the world. This includes the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, **Catholic Relief Services**, and **Peter's Pence**. In this collection you have a choice to contribute to any one or all of the three funds, by designating an amount for each.

**One Week Before**

**World's Poor Collection – March 5-6**

This collection provides each of us with an opportunity to change lives for over 1.4 billion people living in poverty in this country and abroad. The three agencies represented in this collection are official church agencies that work to help the poor and displaced. You will have a choice to contribute to any one or all.

The **Campaign for Human Development** was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. 25% of this collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts. CCHD's grants go to improving education, affordable housing, and supporting economic development in low income neighborhoods.

The **Catholic Relief Services Collections** funds six Catholic Agencies that work to serve Jesus on behalf of our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. CRS assists by providing humanitarian aid, resettling refugees, and assisting victims of human trafficking. This collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to *help Jesus in disguise*.

**Peter's Pence** unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis "And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus". Your donation enables the Holy Father to support his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world.

*Please give generously!*

**On Collection Sunday**

**World's Poor Collection – March 5-6**

This weekend we are asked to give to a special collection for programs and services that reach out to help the poor all over the world. This appeal puts together the work of three major poverty relief services:

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development-** Twenty-five percent of this collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts. CCHD helps individuals to help themselves through grants that improve education, improve housing in low-income areas & supports economic development.

**Catholic Relief Services Collection** – serving our suffering brothers/sisters around the world through humanitarian aid, resettling refugees and advocacy.

**Peter's Pence** – Unites us in solidarity with Pope Francis and his works of charity to those in need.

In the **World's Poor collection** you have a choice to contribute to any one or all of the above three funds, by designating an amount for each. Please indicate your wish on the envelope. Your gift will help give hope and opportunity to numerous.

*Please give generously!*