



## DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City,

Our diocese will soon 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.

For many people, a speeding ticket usually means a bit of embarrassment, a fine, or the inconvenience of appearing in court. But for those living in poverty, a speeding ticket can become a life-altering event. In New Orleans, Donald lost his license years ago because he was caught speeding, could not pay the fine, and could not take off work to go to court. Contempt of court citations and unlicensed driving tickets quickly compounded the initial fine. Donald was losing hope that he could clear the backlog, get a better-paying job, and support his growing family while living right above the poverty level.

Thanks to your generosity to CCHD, the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice (NOWCRJ) was able to provide Donald with the support he needed to change his situation. NOWCRJ hosted a clinic where Donald set up payment plans for his fines and got his license reinstated. Now Donald has a new job and has been able to save money to move into his own apartment. NOWCRJ is also working with the judicial system to reduce backlogs, expunge records, and change how penalties are issued. With your contributions, our brothers and sisters across the country are breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

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

With my prayers that God bless you richly with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Jefferson City