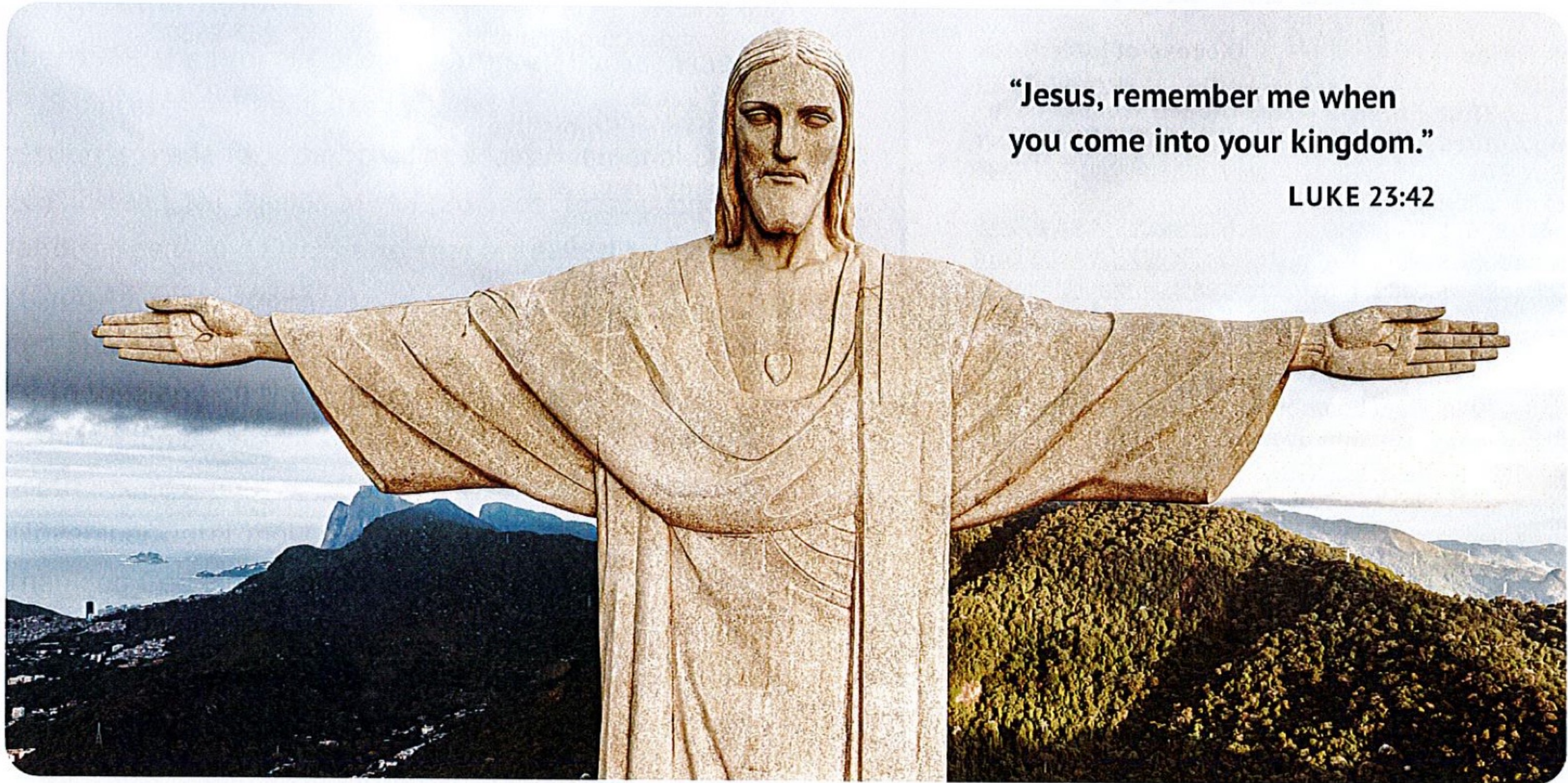




**"Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom."**

LUKE 23:42

The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it's a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to "myth," as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and *Luke Skywalker* is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *Frodo Baggins* is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero's own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

Editor's note: This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis' final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

Reflect

What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday
Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday
Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday/ November 22nd – Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

4 p.m. Holy Mass : Ariela Wege †

By Buddy and Anne Kootz

Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

2nd Collection is for Life at the Poverty Line

Sunday/ November 23rd– Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Joe and Beryl Helfert †

by Tom and JoAnn Helfert

Anointing of the Sick after Holy Mass

2nd Collection is for Life at the Poverty Line

Monday/ November 24th – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Geroge Colles †

by: Roger and Betsy Edmonds

6 pm KC officers meeting / The Rosary at 5:30 pm

Tuesday/November 25th – St. Catherine of Alexandria

No Holy Mass

Wednesday /November 26th –

No Holy Mass

Thursday / November 27th – Thanksgiving Day, USA

No Holy Mass

Happy Thanksgiving -

Friday/ November 28th –

No Holy Mass

Saturday/ November 29th – Here ends the year of Grace 2025

4 p.m. Holy Mass : Ariela Wege †

by Jeonilla VanHouten

*No 2nd Collection

Sunday/ November 30th– First Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Ariela Wege †

by : Joe and Doris Waggoner

All Deceased Knights of Columbus †

*No 2nd Collection

Thought for the week

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"Christ
Is the True
King of Hearts,
Families
Nations
And
History"
Pope- Pius XI
1925

Next
Sunday
We Begin
New
Liturgical Calendar
Of
Divine Worship
With
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The Solemnity
Of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
The King of Universe

Viva, Viva
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"He is a King who
frees us, not by
shedding others'
blood,

but by shedding
His own."  
St. Augustine

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Our Heartfelt Condolences

We express our condolences to Marilyn Mayhall and family on the passing of her husband, James. He passed on Tuesday November 18, 2025. Arrangements will be announced at a later date. May he rest in peace.

Our Heartfelt Condolences

We express our condolences to Doris Gorton, their daughter Dawn Logan and family, on the passing of her husband Jerry Gorton. Mr. Gorton passed on November 16, 2025. His funeral was on Wednesday November 19, 2025 at St. Peter's the Fisherman in Mountain Home at 2:30 p.m. The Rosary and visitation was on the same day from 12:30 pm to 2 pm at Roller Funeral Home in Mountain Home. May he rest in peace.

B-I-N-G-O Raffle

Bingo will be having an early Christmas Raffle Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th. Before and after Holy Mass. We have some very nice gifts to raffle off. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and 12 for \$10. Thank you for your support !

Food Pantry Weekend

The 1st weekend of each month is the Food Pantry collection for those in need. The pantry is in need of the following food items :jelly, cereal, oatmeal, macaroni, any pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, chicken, tuna or chicken helper, canned ravioli and spaghetti, canned fruits, packaged noodles and packaged potatoes. Thank you for helping those in need.

Christmas Holiday Schedule

Inserts will be in the bulletin and copies in the vestibule. Please, keep your copy to refer to the times and dates. It is from December through New Year's Day.



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Mary Welch, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Michael Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Martin Moriarty, Maria Gerrah, Colleen Royal, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Jim Whorl, Joyce Speir, Amy Moriarty, Doug and Tammy Wortham. Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge, Chuck Wolff and KayLynn Rodenbeck Expectant Mothers: Kristene Bates and Josephine Gregory.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!

- ▲ November 23rd – Norma Frisk
- ▲ November 24th – Elizabeth Beason
- ▲ November 25th – Eden Callahan
- ▲ November 27th – Isaac Ishmael



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

- ♥ November 25th – Kevin and Shannon Langelier 47 years
- ♥ November 26th – Stefan and Malgorzata Lanko 31 years

Christmas Holiday Schedule

December 2025 - New Years 2026

St. Michael's Church – Cherokee Village

St. Mary's Church – Horseshoe Bend

Thursday December 11th : Advent Reconciliation

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. St. Michael's

Friday December 12th : 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. St. Mary's

Saturday December 20th : Vigil Mass 4 p.m.

St. Michael's - Parish Christmas Party after Vigil Mass

Wednesday December 24th : Holy Mass 4 p.m.

St. Michael's - Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Play

Thursday December 25th : Christmas Day 2025

9 a.m. Mass - St. Michael's Cherokee Village

11:15 a.m. Mass – St. Mary's Horseshoe Bend

Wednesday December 31st : New Year's Eve 2025

4 p.m. Vigil Mass – St. Michael's Cherokee Village

Thursday January 1st : New Year's Day 2026

9 a.m. Mass – St. Michael's Cherokee Village

11:15 a.m. Mass – St. Mary's Horseshoe Bend

Always God Bless you all and your dear ones

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church has always taught us, through the words of Sacred Scripture and the witness of saints like Francis of Assisi, that the natural world is created by God, that it is good, and that humans have a special duty to care for creation so that it benefits not only themselves but also future generations. Today we live in a time where pollution, climate change, and poor agricultural practices harm creation and place us all in danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis responded to this environmental crisis by issuing the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), in which he emphasizes the connection between humanity and nature and calls for "the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (no. 13).

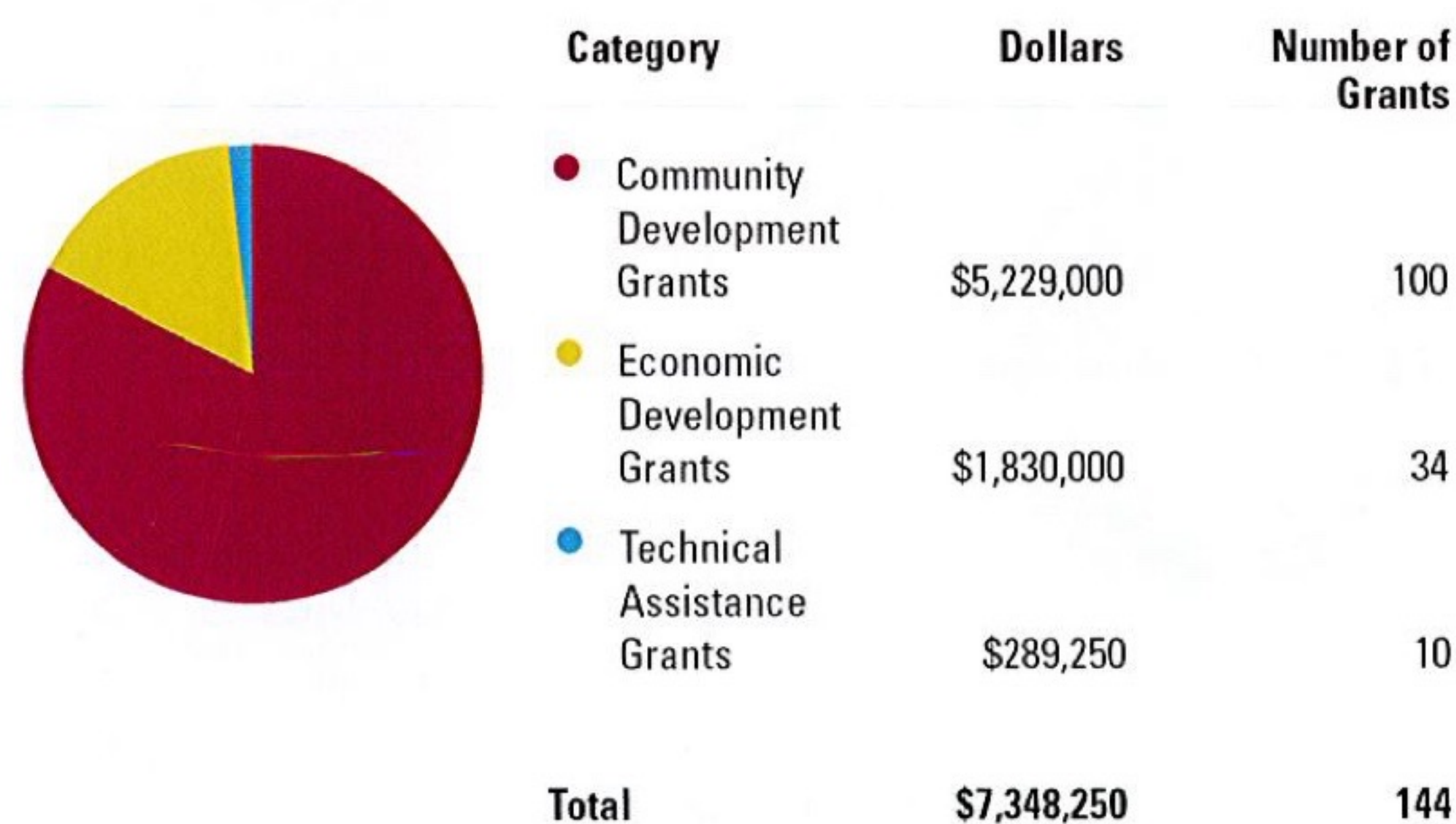
This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes

locally grown, sustainable, and nutritious foods available to low-income people. With support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), La Cosecha has expanded its outreach beyond Albuquerque to 11 rural New Mexico counties, increased year-round accessibility to healthy produce and other food products, and obtained a US Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices food-safety certification for its cooperative farm partners.

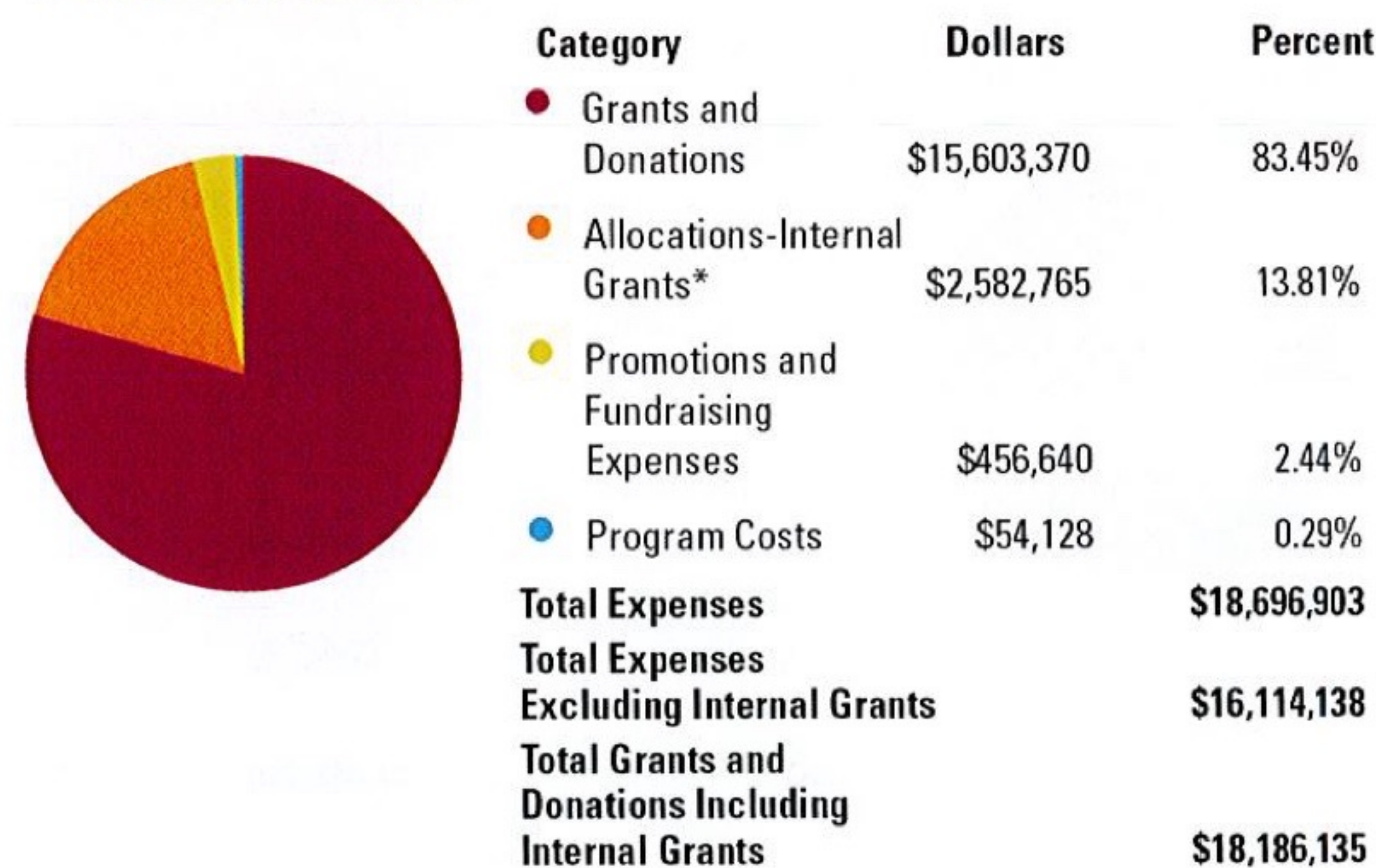
CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution remains in your diocese to create local solutions to poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

2023 GRANTS



2023 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations and for the education and outreach program of the Office of Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

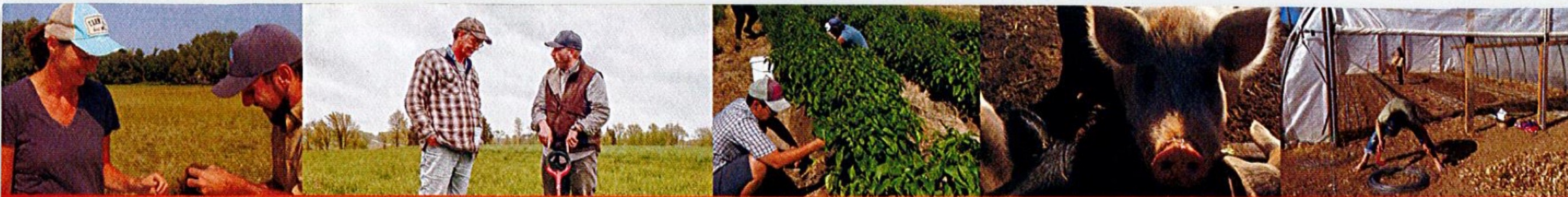


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CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO TRABAJANDO DESDE LA PERIFERIA

La Iglesia Católica siempre nos ha enseñado, a través de las palabras de la Sagrada Escritura y del testimonio de santos como Francisco de Asís, que el mundo natural es creado por Dios, que es bueno y que los humanos tienen la singular tarea de cuidar a la creación para que ésta les beneficie no solo a ellos, sino también a las futuras generaciones. Hoy vivimos en un tiempo en el que la contaminación, el cambio climático y las malas prácticas agrícolas están dañando a la creación y nos están poniendo a todos en peligro.

En el 2015, el papa Francisco respondió a esta crisis ambiental publicando la encíclica *Laudato Si'* (*Sobre el Cuidado de la Casa Común*), en la cual él enfatiza la conexión entre la humanidad y la naturaleza y hace un llamado para "unir a toda la familia humana en la búsqueda de un desarrollo sostenible e integral" (n° 13).

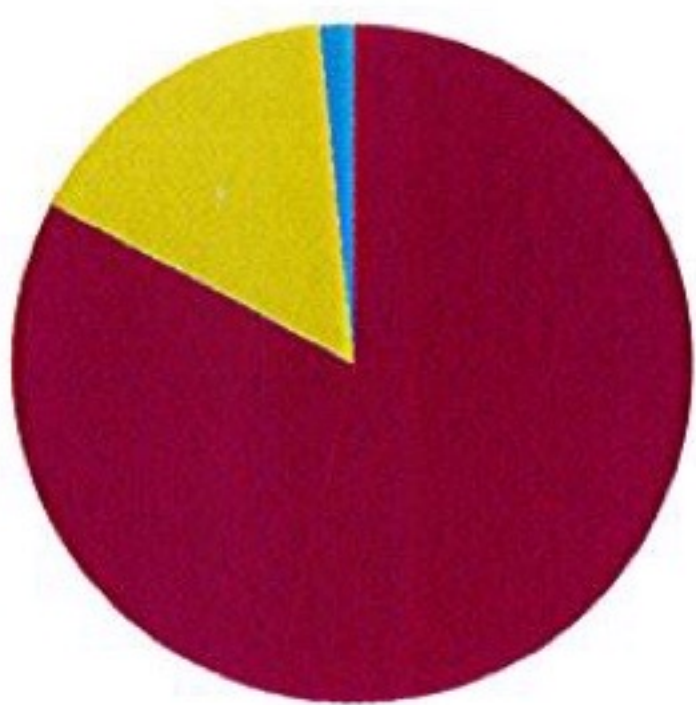
Este espíritu de cooperación, sostenibilidad y dignidad humana alienta la labor de organizaciones como La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, una red de cooperativas agrícolas apoyada por la comunidad, en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, la cual pone a disposición de las personas de bajos ingresos, unos alimentos nutritivos y sostenibles y

cultivados localmente. Con el apoyo recibido de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD), La Cosecha amplió su alcance más allá de Albuquerque llegando a 11 condados rurales en Nuevo México, incrementó el acceso durante todo el año a productos agrícolas saludables y otros productos alimenticios y obtuvo la certificación de seguridad alimentaria de Buenas Prácticas Agrícolas del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos para sus socios de cooperativas agrícolas.

Las organizaciones que reciben fondos de CCHD nos enseñan a cuidar el medio ambiente, a responder a las necesidades de los pobres y, al mismo tiempo, a brindar nuestro apoyo a las empresas responsables y sostenibles de la localidad. Cuando ustedes participan en la colecta para CCHD, no solo están ayudando a otras comunidades, sino que también están ayudando a las suyas ya que el 25% de sus contribuciones permanecen en su diócesis con el fin de crear soluciones para la pobreza en su localidad.

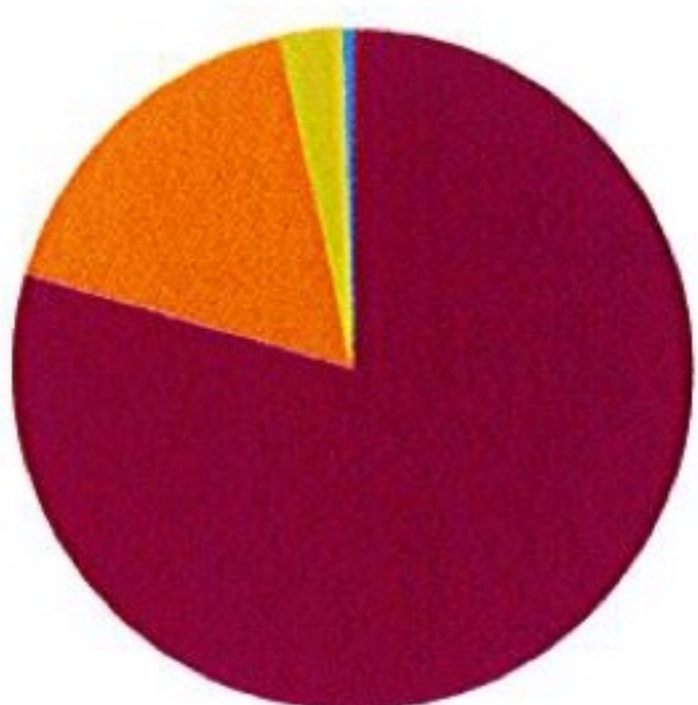
Para informarse más acerca de esta colecta para CCHD y la manera en que CCHD sostiene las enseñanzas morales y sociales de la Iglesia Católica, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd.

SUBVENCIONES 2023



Categoría	Dólares	Número de subvenciones
Subvenciones para el desarrollo de la comunidad	\$5,229,000	100
Subvenciones para el desarrollo económico	\$1,830,000	34
Subvenciones para la asistencia técnica	\$289,250	10
Total	\$7,348,250	144

GASTOS EN EL 2023



Categoría	Dólares	Porcentaje
Subvenciones y donaciones	\$15,603,370	83.45%
Asignaciones-subvenciones internas*	\$2,582,765	13.81%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	\$456,640	2.44%
Costos del programa	\$54,128	0.29%
Total de gastos		\$18,696,903
Total de gastos excluyendo las subvenciones internas		\$16,114,138
Total de subvenciones y donaciones incluyendo las subvenciones internas		\$18,186,135

*Las subvenciones internas incluyen una distribución de la Colecta de CCHD para los gastos de operación de CCHD y para el programa de educación y extensión de la USCCB para la Paz, la Justicia y el Desarrollo Humano, el cual incluye el compromiso de los católicos a nuestro llamado pleno de fe para abordar las causas raíz de la pobreza.

APRENDAN acerca de aquellos que viven en la pobreza y que trabajan para mejorar sus comunidades. • **ACTÚEN** y diseminen información sobre la pobreza compartiendo este folleto. • **CONÉCTENSE** con la labor de CCHD brindando su apoyo a la colecta. • **OREN** por los beneficiarios de esta colecta.



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Last Monday of the month
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Dear Padre,

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Thanksgiving Day (US)	Weekday	Weekday	First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
			Lk 17:11–19			Mt 24:37–44



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025