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### Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has decreed the year 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The beginning of the Jubilee Year will be marked with the official opening of the Holy Doors at the four major basilicas in the city of Rome. They are St. Peter's Basilica, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Outside the wall. These doors are normally sealed and only opened every twenty-five years. People who visit these churches, receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and pray the Apostle's Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father may gain a Plenary Indulgence for the remission of punishments due to sin. The indulgence may be applied for oneself, or for the poor souls in Purgatory.

The Jubilee Year will begin On December 29, 2024 and end December 28, 2025. Every Bishop of a Diocese may designate churches in his Diocese for people of the Diocese to visit on pilgrimage and obtain the same Plenary Indulgence after having fulfilled the same requirements; Holy Communion, Confession, Apostle's Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father. As Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, I have designated the following Churches as pilgrimage Churches: St. Landry in Opelousas, St. Peter in New Iberia, St. Mary Magdalen in Abbeville, St. John Cathedral in Lafayette, and the Chapel of the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette. You may call the Church offices to find out the times they will be open for pilgrims.

The theme of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", reminds us that we are all pilgrims passing through this life with our eyes fixed on our ultimate destination, everlasting life with God in heaven. Hope is one of the main virtues. Having hope, means that we firmly believe in the promises of our Lord and that he will give us whatever we need to overcome every challenge so that we may benefit from those promises. In a world in so much turmoil today, we must live our lives trusting that God will see us through all challenges and difficulties and that God, who conquers all, will be triumphant in the end. May this hope renew us to be more faithful followers of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD  
Bishop of Lafayette





# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church teaches the fundamental importance of paying workers a living wage that allows them to meet their basic needs. Cooperative businesses are co-owned by the employees, which gives workers greater say in how the business is run, including the wages and salaries that workers earn. Those principles animate the work of the organizations creating opportunities and fighting poverty with support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

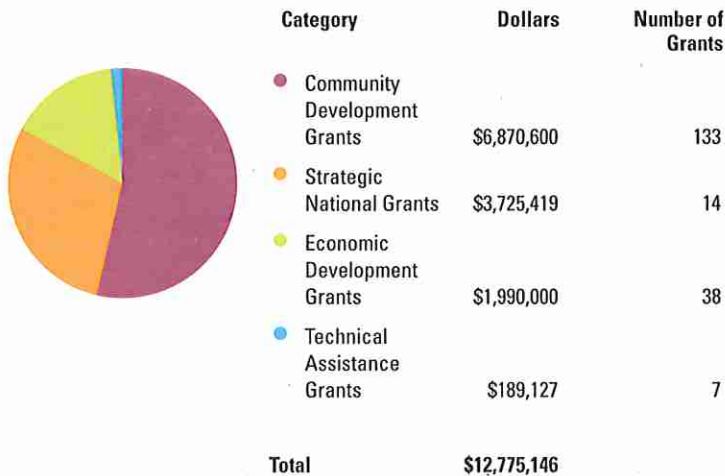
Seed Commons is a New York City-based national network of community loan funds that make cooperative businesses easier to start and less expensive than obtaining bank loans. Based on a “nonextractive” model, Seed Commons does not require borrowers to make payments on interest or principal until they can cover operating expenses, including market-rate salaries. With support from CCHD, Seed Commons helps workers become

cooperative owners who earn living wages at companies like a Chicago-based window manufacturer, which pays \$2/hour more than it did before it became a cooperative. The employee-owners now earn not only higher wages but profit-sharing checks as well.

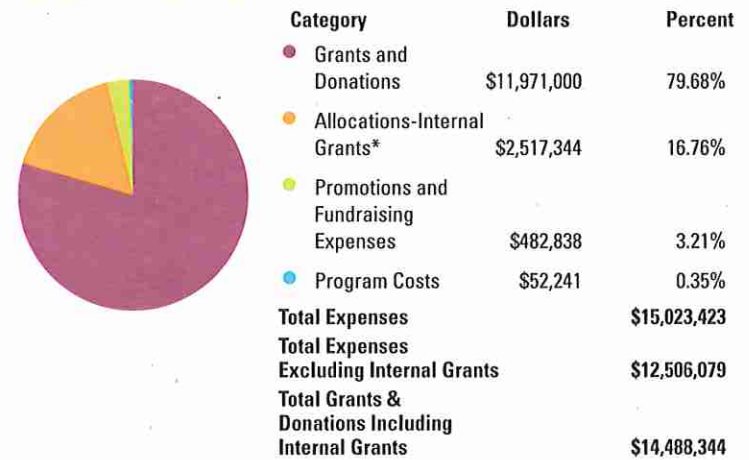
Your support of CCHD helps workers become worker-owners who earn living wages and establish economic roots in communities that badly need greater employment and earning opportunities. When you give to the CCHD collection, you help not only national networks like Seed Commons but also organizations working to end poverty within your diocese, where 25% of your contribution stays to create opportunities in your own neighborhood.

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](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

## 2022-2023 GRANTS



## 2022 EXPENSES



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**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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