

Ideas for Diocesan Directors on Forming a Strong Local CCHD Committee

Advantages of working with a committee:

- Spreading the word about the good work of CCHD
- Spreading the workload of supporting CCHD in a diocese—many faces of CCHD in a diocese
- Better accountability and decentralization of decision-making —decisions are not left to one person
- Forming ministers for social justice, including CCHD interns

Challenges:

- Time forming the committee
- Recruiting new members
- Getting representation from across the Archdiocese
- Dealing with conflicts of interest
- How to Invigorate the committee

Ongoing formation of yourself and the committee is important

- Initial one-on-one conversation with potential committee members
- Orientation for new members to get them up to speed
- Regular committee meetings with a clear agenda, including prayer, handouts, meeting dates, etc.
- Periodically review the CCHD website and go through it with committee members
- Webinars and sharing information from the CCHD National office—the one about Strengthening your local CCHD committee is very helpful
- Sharing ideas with other DDs
- Visits and conversations with National Staff
- Visits with the Archbishop/Bishop
- Provide opportunities for interaction with funded groups throughout the year

Activities of the Committee

- Ideas about collection promotion (order enough Promotion Packets to give to each member)
- Technical assistance to funded groups
- Pre-application workshops/webinars for groups
- Site visits - creating opportunities for parish leadership from around the diocese to meet with and build relationships with CCHD-funded groups
- Assist with recruiting new members
- Assist with recruiting new organizations to apply for CCHD grants
- Assist with the JustFaith Journey to Justice Day site visits
- Assist with other events that your committee hosts
- Do reviews of local grants