

Be One in a
Million.

Join us to
Confront Poverty.



Global hunger, disease and illness, illiteracy, powerlessness, violence, and war all contribute to an endless cycle of poverty that assaults human dignity and robs people of their human potential. In a world where an estimated 1.4 billion people live in extreme poverty, on less than \$1.25 per day, the message of the Church is clear: as Catholics, we are called to help our brothers and sisters in need. Global poverty is a disease with a cure and together, as Catholics, we can – and will – confront this challenge. As Catholics, it is our calling. It is our duty.

To meet this challenge, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) are recommitting to the nationwide **Catholics Confront Global Poverty** initiative that calls on one million Catholics to confront global poverty by defending the life and dignity of people living in poverty throughout the world, and to urge our nation to act in response to the many faces of poverty through advocacy and action.

The *Catholics Confront Global Poverty* initiative is inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 World Day of Peace Message, *Fight Poverty to Build Peace*, in which our Holy Father declares: "Effective means to redress the marginalization of the world's poor through globalization will only be found if people everywhere feel personally outraged by the injustices in the world and by the concomitant violations of human rights."

The Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative focuses its efforts on seven key areas that require more attention to effectively confront global poverty: U.S. international assistance, peace, debt relief, trade, natural resource extraction, migration, and global climate change. Learn more about each focus area and why it is one of the top priorities for this initiative at www.usccb.org/globalpoverty or www.crs.org/globalpoverty.

There are more ways in which you can be a part of this very important initiative:

Pray for people throughout the world seeking to rise from the indignities of poverty, for U.S. policies that can help make it happen, and for all who stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas.

Learn about Catholic social teaching, what the Church is doing to confront global poverty, U.S. international and economic policies, and the impact on poor people around the world.

Act and advocate by contacting your elected officials to promote policies that promote justice, peace and prosperity for impoverished people.

Give to the Church's mission overseas that helps people lift themselves out of poverty.



Through the power of community, prayer and action, we will successfully confront global poverty. **Join Catholics Confront Global Poverty today at:** www.crs.org/ccgp.