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## Press Release

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### Massachusetts Catholic Conference Joins National Campaign to End Poverty

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The Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, the public policy office of the Roman Catholic Bishops in Massachusetts, voted recently to endorse and join a national campaign against poverty launched by The Catholic Charities USA.

The Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America is a multi-year, multi-faceted approach to alleviating poverty in the United States. The goals of the Campaign are:

- To reduce poverty in the United States by 50 percent by the year 2020.
- To call upon the government to do more to serve those who are poor, and to improve public policies that strengthen and support families.
- To educate policymakers and the public about the struggles of those living in poverty and the good work of those who serve them in local communities.
- To engage those who are most impacted by government policies to be active participants in developing solutions to reducing poverty.
- To work with individuals and organizations across the country to address poverty in our country.

The details and goals of the Campaign are included in a white paper, **Poverty in America: A Threat to the Common Good**, available online at

<http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty/downloads/policy06.pdf>, and more online materials are available at <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/poverty/>.

The Catholic Bishops in Massachusetts urge all Catholic citizens, parishes and social ministries to get involved with the Campaign to Reduce Poverty.

To that end, information, resources and other tools created by the Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America, and in conjunction with the four diocesan Catholic Charities offices in Massachusetts, will be distributed by the Massachusetts Catholic Conference and made available on its website, <http://www.macathconf.org>.

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference is the public policy office for the Roman Catholic Bishops in Massachusetts, serving the Archdiocese of Boston, and the Dioceses of Fall River, Springfield and Worcester.

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