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	1 An annual papal	<b>2</b> "Poverty" is not a	<b>3</b> Today's readings	<b>4</b> . The <u>Catholic</u>	5 "If someone who has	<b>6</b> Did you know that <u>1</u>
	message for the	, catch-phrase—it is a	remind us that we are	Campaign for Human	worldly means sees a	in 5 children in the
	World Day of Peace	serious reality many	all children of God.	Development (CCHD)	, brother in need and	U.S. live below the
	(Jan. 1) has been	are living. Are you	Solidarity invites us to	has been working for	refuses him compassion,	poverty line? Want to
	released every year	familiar with the facts	remember that we are	48 years to help end	how can the love of God	help children learn
	since 1968. Read the	about those living in	part of one global	poverty by	remain in him?" (1 Jn.	about poverty? Share
	2018 message and	poverty in the U.S.?	human family and	empowering low-	3:17). How can you be in	the <u>Superhero of</u>
	use the	Learn <u>facts about</u>	share in each other's	income families and	solidarity with your	Justice activity or the
	accompanying	poverty in the U.S. and	joy and suffering. This	educating about the	brother or sister in	Two Feet of Love in
	<u>resources</u> , such as a	make 2 commitments	recognition is a <u>key</u>	root causes of poverty.	need? <u>Read</u> how	Action storybooks with
	two-page handout, to	to address poverty this	<u>component</u> of working	Read about the work	Catholics at a New	teachers or religious
	reflect on its	month.	together to seek	of the <u>United Workers</u>	Orleans parish are	educators at your
	important invitation		justice for all God's	Association and other	reaching out to their	school or parish.
	to all Catholics and		children.	groups that receive	brothers and sisters in	
	people of good will.			funding from CCHD.	Nicaragua.	
<b>7</b> Today is the first day	<b>8</b> Through <u>Baptism</u>	9 Sr. Tracy Horan was	<b>10</b> "It is impossible to	<b>11</b> Today is National	12 The <u>first reading</u>	13 <u>Work</u> is much
of National Migration	we share in Christ's	the 2017 Cardinal	talk about poverty,	Human Trafficking	today invites us to reflect	more than simply
Week. There are many	prophetic mission as	Bernardin New	about abstract	Awareness Day. There	on the role of our civil	earning a living; it is a
factors that have	people of God " <i>to</i>	Leadership Award	poverty. That does not	are many <u>children</u> ,	leaders and their	way of using our gifts
displaced more than 65	bring glad tidings to	recipient for her work	exist! Poverty is the	women and men being	obligations to implement	to participate in God's
million people	the poorproclaim	with immigrant	flesh of the poor Jesus	<u>trafficked</u> in the world	just policies for the	creation. We are
throughout the world;	liberty to captives	families through	in this hungry child, in	today. <u>Use film</u> to	<u>common good.</u> Learn	called to uphold the
poverty and migration	and recovery of sight	Indianapolis	the sick person, in	learn about the	about how you can	dignity and rights of
have very strong link.	to the blind, to let the	Congregation Action	these unjust social	systemic problems	promote the common	<u>workers</u> i.e. just
See the <u>faces of</u>	oppressed go free"	Network (ICAN) and	structures. Go, look	that lead to trafficking.	good by visiting the	wages, humane
migration and read	( <u>Lk 4:18</u> ). How can	Justice for Immigrants.	over there at the flesh	Find out about your	USCCB's Action Center.	conditions, and
their stories. What can	you live out your	What local or national	of Jesus." - <u>Pope</u>	slavery footprint and	Say a prayer to <u>confront</u>	respectful treatment,
you do to welcome our	baptismal <u>advocate</u>	organizations can you	Francis Watch the	learn about <u>CRS</u>	global poverty.	etc. How can you help
migrant brothers and	for and with persons	join to help end	Poverty USA Tour and	ethical trade.		ensure <u>workers' rights</u>
sisters in your	in poverty locally and	poverty in your	learn about the cycle			and dignity are
community?	globally?	community?	of poverty.			respected?

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14 On this <u>World Day</u> of Migrants and <u>Refugees</u> , the Gospel invites us to welcome our neighbors who are feeling violence, persecution, or poverty. Visit <u>ShareJourney.org</u> and <u>WeAreSaltandLight.org</u> for help cultivating a spirit of encounter and welcoming people of diverse backgrounds.	<b>15</b> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought tirelessly to eliminate injustice and segregation. He understood that eliminating poverty is not simply a hand- out; it is restoring the respect all persons deserve. Learn about—and join— <u>Catholics' work to</u> <u>address the sin of</u> <u>racism</u> and end racial injustice in our communities.	<b>16</b> Our faith calls us to care for <u>God's</u> <u>creation</u> and help poor countries and communities adapt to the effects of climate change. Read this <u>story</u> about the connection between poverty and climate change in this Ethiopian community.	<b>17</b> We are called to help empower those who are vulnerable to seek change in their communities. A key element of breaking the cycle of poverty is empowering communities through <u>subsidiarity</u> , and supporting their work through <u>solidarity</u> . Read about <u>subsidiarity</u> , solidarity, and the common good.	<b>18</b> Today marks the beginning of the <u>Week</u> of Prayer for Christian <u>Unity</u> (Jan. 18-25). This year's theme, "Your Right Hand O Lord, Glorious in Power" is <u>inspired by</u> the Caribbean's experience of colonialism and calls Christians to work together to overcome contemporary challenges that are the legacy of social structures of sin.	<b>19</b> The <u>Two Feet of</u> <u>Love in Action</u> are two unique but complementary ways to fight poverty. One foot is social justice— eliminating root causes of poverty, and the second is charitable works—responding to immediate needs. Search for a <u>local organization</u> you can join and learn about the <u>current</u> <u>policies</u> affecting persons in poverty.	<b>20</b> There are many ways to help raise awareness in our communities. One creative way is through the CCHD <u>Creating on the</u> <u>Margins Contest</u> . Learn about how you can get your local school and parish involved. Who can you invite to participate?
<b>21</b> "If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist" (Pope Francis). How does the Eucharist open my heart to my brothers and sisters in poverty?	<b>22</b> Today is the <u>Day</u> of Prayer for the <u>Legal Protection of</u> <u>Unborn Children</u> . Participate in this day through prayer or through special events offered by your diocese to observe the anniversary of <i>Roe v.</i> <i>Wade</i> .	<b>23</b> We are called to both defend the rights of victims and to uphold the dignity of offenders through <u>restorative justice</u> <u>practices</u> . How can you show God's love and mercy to those in need of healing and hope?	<b>24</b> Throughout history, God journeys with his people. In a very special way <u>God is</u> <u>close to those who</u> <u>suffer and are</u> <u>marginalized</u> . Watch this <u>video</u> and reflect: What priority do those who experience poverty have in your heart?	<b>25</b> "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). How does the Gospel require us to respond to poverty in our communities? What can you do to proclaim the good news of God's love today?	<b>26</b> There are many who struggle to obtain basic means for survival such as food, housing, a job, and healthcare: <i>"No one seems to really care whether you're eating or</i> <i>not."</i> —Male, 35, Florida, household of four. Read more <u>reflections on</u> <u>poverty in the U.S.</u>	<b>27</b> Read the story, <u>Our Border Family:</u> <u>Hope at the Border.</u> The El Paso and Juarez communities encounter each other, despite borders. What boundaries do you need to cross to meet your brothers and sisters who experience poverty?
<b>28</b> "Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor" ( <u>Evangelii</u> <u>Gaudium no. 187</u> ). <u>Pray</u> for the grace to understand how God is calling you to be his instrument.	<b>29</b> Many face barriers to breaking the cycle of poverty due to <u>discrimination</u> or <u>racism</u> . What stereotypes do you have that distort your vision of members of your local or global community?	<b>30</b> When someone suffers from poverty, their basic rights to clean water, food, housing, employment, and vital healthcare are violated. With rights come the duty to protect them. Learn about our <u>Rights and</u> <u>Responsibilities.</u>	<b>31</b> Keep the conversation about poverty going with your family, in your neighborhood and parish by receiving our newsletter <u>Notes for</u> <u>Neighbors</u> and other communications by the <u>Department of</u> <u>Justice Peace and</u> <u>Human Development</u> .	For more info and tips on getting involved, visit <u>PovertyUSA.org</u> or <u>PobrezaUSA.org</u> . Longer daily reflections are available at <u>http://bit.ly/USCCBpoverty</u> . Poverty Awareness Month		

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