



Preview of
Catholics Confront Global Poverty

A discussion of the state of global poverty and our Catholic Response

with

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Global Poverty Today

- An estimated 1.4 billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day.
- More than 140 million children are underweight in the developing world.
- Every day, nearly 7,500 people become infected with HIV and 5,500 die from AIDS.
- Nearly 1 billion people cannot access safe water and over 2.5 billion have no sanitation.

Progress on Reducing Poverty

- In 1990 more than 1.8 billion people lived in extreme poverty. By 2005 that number had fallen to 1.4 billion.
- The proportion of undernourished children declined from 33% in 1990 to 26% in 2006.
- 1.6 billion people have gained access to safe drinking water since 1990.
- The number of children out of school fell from 103 million in 1999 to 75 million in 2006.

Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 World Day of Peace Message

“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.”

- January 1, 2009.

Fight Poverty to Build Peace

The Holy Father's message is clear: As Catholics, we have a responsibility to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Catholics Confront Global Poverty initiative

- Re-launch of the USCCB/CRS global poverty campaign on February 23, 2009 - Social Ministry Gathering
- Goal is to engage 1 million Catholics nationwide to confront global poverty.

Catholics Confront Global Poverty:

Seven focus issues

- Debt Relief
- Extractive Industries
- International Assistance
- Global Climate Change
- Migration
- Peace
- International Trade

A Call to Action

U.S. foreign policy should address the ‘many faces of poverty’ in the short and long-term.

How will Catholics Confront Global Poverty Engage Audiences?

- **Prayer**
- **Educational Resources**
- **Advocacy Opportunities**
- **Charitable Giving**