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Dear Friends in Christ:

As a diocese, we will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support to this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform the places they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. Your support goes a long way in creating communities that are more just and welcoming to those who live trapped in the cycle of poverty.

Stable housing is often one of the first steps for someone trying to break out of the cycle of poverty. The cost to rent an apartment or buy a property has increased beyond what is possible for low and moderate income families. This has created a housing crisis leaving many people unable to find an affordable place to live. But with your support, working families can afford to live in their community and their homes can remain affordable for generations to come. Through homebuyer support provided by CCHD funded groups, over 330 low and moderate income people now have homes and financial stability, bringing lasting change to their lives. In addition, your support provides training for people to gain tools for community organizing and opportunities for leaders to bring these issues to the public arena. With your help, residents have advocated for tenant protections and increased housing availability in their community.

These projects are funded by Catholic parishioners just like you who graciously donate to the CCHD Collection. In parishes across the country, this collection gives us the opportunity to help make a difference and end the cycle of poverty in our communities. Twenty-five percent (25%) of your donations are kept in this diocese to fund local projects, and the remaining 75% goes to the CCHD national office to support anti-poverty initiatives across the United States.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. With gratitude, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

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