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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be taken up the weekend of **November 18-19** in parishes across our Archdiocese. This year's collection coincides with the seventh annual World Day of the Poor, taking as its theme, "Do not turn your face from anyone who is poor." [Tobit 4:7]. By your contribution to the CCHD collection, you can bring change to communities, families, and individuals experiencing the cross of poverty.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis retains 25% of the funds collected to provide grants to local projects and programs that empower the poor to break free of the cycle of poverty with a hand up. One such project that has benefited from a CCHD grant is the Student Culinary Program at Craine House in Indianapolis. Established in 1978, Craine House provides transitional housing and an array of support services for women who are leaving the prison system.

Nationally, the remaining 75% of the funds support larger projects such as The Community Lighthouse Project in New Orleans where a network of 85 congregations and community institutions are being equipped with commercial-scale solar power and back-up battery power during power outages and natural disasters. With that capacity this network can respond immediately with assistance to their surrounding communities.

Learning about these organizations and projects calls us to greater participation in the mission of the Church through the CCHD. Your investment in people will have a long-lasting impact. I urge you to support this year's Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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