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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will take place in our Diocese on the weekend of November 13 and 14. This collection supports the works of charity and justice by funding community groups whose goals are to solve problems and change policies for low-income residents in poverty.

Groups who receive funding from CCHD find problems that affect them and then work to find just solutions. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI recently stated, *“Humanity needs a profound cultural renewal; it needs to rediscover those values which can serve as the solid basis for building a brighter future for all. Our present crises – be they economic, food-related, environmental or social – are ultimately also moral crises, and all of them are interrelated. They require us to rethink the path which we are traveling together.”* Through CCHD, the Catholic Church is working to break the cycle of poverty and your generosity has a direct impact on this critical work. Right here in Florida, one group receiving funding from this collection is called Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE). HOPE has been instrumental in the support of children at risk of school failure by working with the school district to develop programs geared to improve conflict management and nurture academic skills thus setting the stage for a promising future.

Last year, this collection generated \$109,438.00. Your support of this collection directly assists groups on the front lines where the generational cycle of poverty rages. You, in turn, provide human dignity, hope and new life for those with whom “we are traveling together.” For more information about the Collection for the Campaign for Human Development and the groups it funds, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

With gratitude for your continued dedication and generosity, and with the assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Note to Pastors: Please publish this letter in the parish bulletin or have it read at all Masses on the weekend of November 6 & 7