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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection in support of Respect Life and Migrant Ministries is scheduled for the weekend of September 10-11. This collection assists in fostering a respect for the sanctity of life and in providing basic human services to some of the most vulnerable groups in our society.

Catholic Charities Respect Life Ministry is very active within the five county Diocese of Palm Beach and serves to encourage a reverence for and a defense of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. This ministry provides outreach to women in crisis pregnancies through our Birthline/Lifeline program. It also provides outreach to women and men suffering the profound effects of an abortion through our Project Rachel program. The ministry works to foster dignity for our sick and aged and also provides education in regard to the Church's teaching on such important life issues as euthanasia, the death penalty and bioethics.

The second portion of this collection is dedicated to support migrant communities in our Diocese in which hard-working families are struggling to survive economically. Your financial support helps us to provide relief for those in need at our migrant parishes and to workers and families in areas like Belle Glade, Pahokee and Indiantown.

Last year this collection generated more than \$92,000 for these vital ministries which work to bring respect to all human persons and to provide a way for our brothers and sisters to experience the profound love of Christ.

With gratitude for your generosity, and with every prayerful wish, 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 September 3 & 4.