Diocese of Palm Beach

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September 4, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Office of THE BISHOP

Next weekend, September 11and 12, the Diocese of Palm Beach will have a special collection to benefit both our local Catholic Charities Respect Life Ministry and our diocesan parishes who minister to mostly migrant parishioners.

Half of next week’s collections will benefit our local Catholic Charities Respect Life Ministry which promotes life from natural conception until natural death through prayer, catechesis, legislative action and pastoral programs. They actively promote respect for all life by advocating and raising awareness in such areas as: abortion, physician assisted suicide/euthanasia, death penalty, end of life and bioethics. This ministry promotes and implements the Respect Life Program and the Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The other half of the collection will benefit St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade, St. Mary Catholic Church in Pahokee, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Okeechobee. These parishes have large migrant communities, and your support assists them greatly in ministering to their pastoral and social needs.

Together let us prayerfully and compassionately respond in faith to those who cry out to God in desperation as they seek a safe place for themselves and their families.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and with every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito Bishop of Palm Beach

**NOTE TO PASTORS: IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU PUBLISH THIS LETTER IN THE PARISH BULLETIN AS A HALF PAGE OR FULL-PAGE LETTER THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 4/5, 2021. THE COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 11/12, 2021. YOU ARE WELCOME TO READ THE LETTER TO PARISHIONERS, POST THIS LETTER ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND ON YOUR WEBSITE IN ADDITION TO HAVING IT PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN.**