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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Next weekend, September 10 and 11, the Diocese of Palm Beach will have a second collection to benefit both our local Catholic Charities Respect Life Ministry and three diocesan parishes that minister to mostly migrant parishioners. The funds donated in this collection will stay here within our diocese.

Half of next week's second collection will benefit our local ministry that promotes respect for life from conception until natural death through prayer, catechesis, legislative action and pastoral programs. It actively encourages 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 endorses and implements the Respect Life Program and the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. 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 Holy Cross Catholic Church in Indiantown. 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