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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those living in poverty in our own archdiocese, because 50% of the funds we collect stay here.

Through the generosity of those who contribute to the CCHD collection, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been able to assist many worthwhile endeavors that are working to provide people with hope and in many cases a second chance at life. Some of the initiatives include: (A) The *Bedford Men's Warming Center* where homeless men in Bedford, IN can receive a hot meal, shelter from the cold and services to help them get their life back on track; (B) *Dathouse Inc. – Kids* where students of an inner-city Indianapolis public school are offered a faith-based afterschool program that provides a safe place for children to learn healthy social, emotional and life skills; and (C) *Teen Mother Choices* in the Batesville Deanery where teen mothers are taught life skills and are provided with a mentor to walk with them as they learn the skills to be a good mother to their child. This is just a sample of the many worthwhile initiatives that are making a difference for so many people who find themselves on the margins of society.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection or www.archindy.org/cchd

The CCHD Second Collection is scheduled for the weekend of November 23-24, 2019.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Charles C. Thompson

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