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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of November 14/15 parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the annual collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**.

As the domestic anti-poverty program of the U. S. bishops, CCHD's mission is "to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education.

Here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, this mission aligns closely with our pastoral vision, "Go Forth in Joy and Hope." As missionary disciples, we are called to accompany one another, especially those on the margins, and to build communities where all people can encounter the love of Christ and share in the blessings of God's Kingdom.

I am grateful that a portion of the funds collected for CCHD remains within our local Church to support organizations that put Catholic social teaching into action. One such recipient is the St. Monica Food Pantry, which has received a local CCHD grant to strengthen its ministry among individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

By providing food, hospitality, and compassionate assistance, St. Monica Food Pantry upholds the life and dignity of the human person, embodies the Church's preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and fosters solidarity within our community. Its work is a tangible expression of the goals of *Go Forth in Joy and Hope*, inviting us to encounter Christ in our neighbors and respond with both charity and justice.

Your support of the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** collection enables the Church to accompany those facing hardship and to invest in ministries that advance the common good. I invite you to prayerfully consider a generous gift to this year's collection. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to living the Gospel through both charity and justice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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