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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese 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. Nationally, CCDH-funded groups tackle a wide range of economic and social justice challenges, including housing, education, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and advocating for healthy foods in urban food deserts. In addition to making a national impact, the CCHD collections allow us to help those living in poverty or suffering from the symptoms of poverty.

Some of the ministries in our diocese benefit from funds from the CCHD collections:

- **Justice United Seeking Transformation**, an interfaith non-profit based in Escambia County, addressing the high rates of youth arrests and lack of affordable housing.
- **Capital Area Justice Ministry** is an interfaith non-profit based out of Leon County seeking to address gun violence and the lack of affordable housing in the Tallahassee Area.

In addition, our Director of Advocacy and Justice has been working with three local organizations who will apply for CCHD funding for the first time. I plan to recommend all three:

- **Majella House** is a non-profit seeking to walk with mothers and help them thrive during and after their pregnancy.
- **Joseph House** provides a safe space for men entering society after serving prison sentences. Joseph House also educates Catholics and other people of faith about the need for criminal justice reform.
- **Floridians for Alternative to the Death Penalty** seeks to end the use of the death penalty in Florida. These organizations are in line with Catholic Social Teaching, and there is a strong Catholic presence in the leadership of all these organizations.

Thank you for your support of this year's CCHD collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *William A. Wack, CSC*

Most Reverend William Wack, CSC
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