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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA  
*OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The realities of poverty weigh heavily on many of the Faithful in dioceses across the United States. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an anti-poverty program that empowers those on the margins of society to help bring about change in their communities. CCHD supports programs that heal the wounds of crime and violence, advocate for more just policies and helps to develop strong neighborhoods.

Many children in cities live in poverty, creating undue stress and uncertainty in their lives. Compounding these problems, often there are deteriorating school systems struggling to provide quality education and appropriate discipline, consequently, there is a high rate of school-based arrests. By engaging city Churches and communities in these areas, programs supported by CCHD help to improve the education systems and keep kids in school and out of the juvenile justice system. With your support of the CCHD Collection, and through community engagement, youth violence and arrests are significantly reduced.

The Collection for CCHD will be taken up in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of November 18 and 19, 2017. Please help to defend human dignity and show Christ's charity to those in need by supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Also know that 25 percent of the Collection's proceeds remain in our Diocese to fight poverty here. Thank you!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida