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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be participating in the annual collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)*, November 17, 2024. Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God.

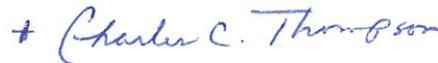
Twenty-five percent of the funds collected are retained by the Archdiocese to provide grants to local projects. One such project is the Stone City Alliance for Recovery and Hope (SARAH) in Bedford, IN. SARAH partners with other local agencies to meet the basic needs of disadvantaged men in Lawrence County. The goal is to support them toward independent living with critical services, employment, housing, and the adoption of a healthy lifestyle.

Nationally, the remaining 75% of the funds support larger projects such as The Northwest Hub in Oregon's capital city of Salem. This program serves "returning citizens", those newly released from incarceration or treatment facilities seeking employment but facing transportation issues. Access to free bicycles, and training in bicycle mechanics empower these individuals with an affordable means of transportation and job skills leading to other meaningful opportunities.

Your support of the CCHD reaches out to people living on the margins and lifts them out of the cycle of poverty. Be assured that all CCHD national grants are approved by the bishop in the diocese where the funded groups and agencies operate. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year.

With prayers and expressions of my gratitude for your sacrifices I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles C. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

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