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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the preface of the book *Communion and Hope*, Pope Francis writes that the COVID-19 crisis, “has shown us that, especially in times of need, we depend on our solidarity with others. In a new way, it is inviting us to place our lives at the service of others. It should make us aware of global injustice and wake us up to the cry of the poor and of our gravely diseased planet.”

For the past 50 years since the inception of CCHD, organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call for all of us to stand in solidarity with those who have been marginalized in their communities and to act against injustice. For example, the main purpose of CCHD grantee the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) is to build relationships across racial and generational differences and to bring collective concerns into the public life while they act for the common good. SWOP acts on this mission by working to reduce violence and end predatory lending and foreclosures. During the pandemic, SWOP has done so by providing more than \$1 million in public and private assistance to more than 600 families who needed help paying their rent or mortgage.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and solidarity, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is working to support resilient communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. To learn more about CCHD’s impact or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org. It is my prayer that you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection on November 21 and 22 to continue to sow the seeds of hope amongst those who find themselves on the margins of Chicagoland. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cardinal Cupic".

Archbishop of Chicago