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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In Pope Francis's message regarding the Second World Day of the Poor, which will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2018, the Holy Father proclaimed that we must come together to hear the cry of the poor, to answer their cry, and to lift the hearts of those on the margins. He emphasized that "we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come."

Organizations funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development lead the call to the marginalized in their communities to take heart, rise, and act against injustice on behalf of themselves, their families, and their communities. The Chicago Housing Initiative is, for example, one such organization. With support from a CCHD grant, the Chicago Housing Initiative can work directly with families who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness to create more fair, inclusive, and effective housing and land development policies in Chicago. This, in turn, helps address the lack of affordable housing available to low-income individuals and families.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and cooperation, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development's holistic approach leads to increased human dignity and stronger, more economically viable communities. To learn more about CCHD's impact in our communities or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org.

Your generous support of the CCHD Annual Collection, which will take place on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, is the primary source of funding for over twenty organizations working to address root causes of poverty and injustice in Cook and Lake Counties. It is my prayer that you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection and outstretch your hands to those on the margins. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago