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Jubilee of Mercy

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As the Jubilee of Mercy concludes, I invite you to reflect on opportunities to continue accompanying the poor in our midst, including through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). For over forty-five years, CCHD has been a living example of our Church's social teaching, offering a 'hand-up' to empower the poor to help themselves improve their lives and the livelihood of their families and others. This year, CCHD is funding twenty-eight organizations that are addressing the roots causes of poverty with seniors, youth, immigrants, people with disabilities and workers in Cook and Lake Counties.

This year a collaborative effort by several CCHD grantees helped pass the Illinois Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights (HB 1288). This law grants domestic workers – caretakers, housekeepers, those who clean and do household maintenance – the same legal protections as other workers. This victory directly lifts up the poor.

Please make a special effort during this Thanksgiving season to give generously to the CCHD Collection the weekend of November 19-20. Your contribution will enable the poor to achieve greater dignity and all of us to work together to build God's kingdom of justice.

To learn more about CCHD in the Archdiocese of Chicago, parish resources, and the groups it funds, please visit www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/CCHD.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

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