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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Did you know that stable housing is often one of the first steps for someone trying to break out of the cycle of poverty? Not surprising! However, in some parts of the United States, the cost to rent an apartment or buy a property has increased beyond what is possible for low and even moderate- income families, creating a housing crisis.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, (CCHD) is an organization of the Church that aids working families in regard to affordable housing, making it possible for people to remain in their communities for generations to come. It is through your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development that these changes are possible, empowering those living in poverty to transform the places they and their children live. Your generosity goes a long way in creating welcoming communities.

The Diocese of Venice will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development the weekend of November 17 and 18, 2018. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered through the 25 percent share of the collection that stays here. Your support of this collection truly makes a difference for people, their families and a roof over their heads. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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