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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection brings change to people across the country and empowers those living in poverty. In addition to making a national impact, we empower those in our own diocese, because 25% of the funds we collect stay here.

For many people, a speeding ticket may mean a bit of embarrassment, a fine, or the inconvenience of appearing in court. But for those living in poverty, a speeding ticket can become a life-altering event. In New Orleans, Donald lost his license years ago because he could not pay his speeding fine, and could not take off work to go to court. Contempt of court citations and unlicensed driving tickets compounded the initial fine. Donald was losing hope that he could clear the backlog, get a better-paying job, and support his growing family while living right above the poverty level.

Thanks to your generosity to CCHD, the New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice was able to provide Donald with the support he needed to change his situation. The center hosted a clinic where Donald set up payment plans for his fines and got his license reinstated. Now has a new job and has been able to save money to move into his own apartment. The center for racial justice is also working with the judicial system to reduce backlogs, expunge records, and change how penalties are issued. With your contributions, the country is breaking out of the cycle of poverty.

Your support for this collection makes a difference for people living in poverty across the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. For more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Thank you for joining us to help people on the margins.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

The collection date for the Diocese of Charleston is Nov. 24, 2019.