Dear Communications Director/Editor,

Soon your diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I would like to share with you one example of how your support makes a difference. In Kyrgyzstan, children with disabilities and orphans do not receive the support they need. Often they cannot attend therapy appointments, and parents cannot afford activities for them. In a Jubilee Audience in March 2016, Pope Francis said, “Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others.”

You have given these children and their parents hope. Through your diocese’s generosity to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, an integrative camp in Kyrgyzstan now welcomes children with disabilities, their parents, and orphans to experience God’s love. They can have carefree time with other children. Thanks to your help, children of all abilities can attend this integrative camp and learn from each other.

We rely on your help to promote this collection. Use your publications, website, social media channels, and any other available outlets to get the word out about the collection. Tell the story of the work being done in Kyrgyzstan, or use the additional resources available, including the social media tool kit, at www.usccb.org/ccee/collection. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org.

Gratefully in Christ,

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