**Sample Bishop’s Letter**

Connect with Christ

*May be read from the pulpit or inserted into the parish bulletins.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Half of the collected funds stay right here in the [INSERT DIOCESE NAME], and the other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad.

Let me share just one example of the impact of your generosity. [*Insert local project description here or use example below*.]

On August 1, 2023, hundreds of thousands of young people from more than 200 countries—as well as bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay volunteers—converged on Lisbon, Portugal, to pray and celebrate their faith with Pope Francis at World Youth Day. People who could not attend were still able to glimpse the joy and unity of World Youth Day through the coverage provided by the Rome Bureau of Catholic News Service (CNS Rome). Through its coverage of papal activities and accurate reporting of news, features, and analyses, CNS Rome provides diocesan outlets and the general public with accurate information about the activities of the Church.

With your support of CCC, CNS Rome publishes more than 500 news stories, features, and analyses annually, including coverage of Pope Francis’s travels to Congo and South Sudan, Hungary, and World Youth Day.

When you participate in the collection for CCC, you fund not only the global effort of CNS Rome but also our own diocesan communications efforts. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit *www.usccb.org/ccc.*

Support the collection and connect with Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,

[*INSERT BISHOP NAME, TITLE, AND SIGNATURE*]

*To learn more, visit* www.usccb.org/ccc.