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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Our Archdiocese will take up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign on the weekend of May 15-16. Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Half of the collected funds stay right here in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the other half supports communications projects in the United States and around the world.

These funds help fund our archdiocesan Communications Office and defray the cost of making our award-winning newspaper, *The Criterion*, available to every household throughout the Archdiocese.

Nationally, CCC funds were used last year to pay for media training for seminarians to production of a movie about Catholic Worker Movement founder, Dorothy Day. Dorothy Day lived her Catholic faith in an intentional way that still inspires the work of those who speak out on behalf of the poor and marginalized. Her life of Christian virtue has led to her being declared “Venerable” by the Church, putting her on the path to beatification.

The documentary film, *Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day Story* looks into her life as a journalist, peace activist, and Catholic whose Catholic Worker Houses show hospitality to the poorest and most vulnerable in our midst. With assistance from the Catholic Communications Campaign, this production became a reality, with broadcasts on public television and screenings in venues around the country. When you support the Catholic Communications Campaign, you bring stories of the Catholic faith in action, like Dorothy Day’s story, to light for others.

For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc). Support the collection and build community. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Dear Priests & PLCs:

Your voice could help save millions of lives. The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It's credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to date.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be *cheaper, easier, and funded* with our taxpayer dollars.

As Pope Francis has said, "The future of humanity ... is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize." It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a *strong* message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the *incredibly high stakes* Congress needs to hear from a *massive* number of people.

I invite the people of your parish to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the **first week of June**. The primary goal is for *millions of Catholics to sign the petition* on [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).

The USCCB has created **easy, ready-to-use tools** that can be found at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion). These include a sample announcement, graphics, flyer, and infographic. More tools continue to be added as they become available, so be sure to check back.

Additionally, the USCCB is hosting a webinar **Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 PM (EDT)** that will give more information on the push for tax dollars to pay for abortion and what Catholics can do to stop it. Anyone interested can register at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion).

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PS: Please consider including this announcement in your parish bulletin and other communications: ***Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.*** [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)