

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT



NOVENA TO
OUR LADY
FOR JUSTICE



INTRODUCTION

about the novena

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will soon take up the national collection for the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\)](#). In the United States, more than 38 million people live in poverty. Through your prayers and financial support, those living in poverty are empowered to transform the places they live into reflections of the Kingdom of God. In addition to making an impact nationally, those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered through the 25% share of our collection that stays here. Through this novena, we ask that you prayerfully consider how you are able to help CCHD this year.

This year, we hold in prayer three of our recent local CCHD grantees in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis: the Men's Warming Center of Bedford, Teen Mother Choices, and DatHouse Inc.'s DatKids program.

[The Men's Warming Center in Bedford](#) provides shelter, sleeping accommodations, food, clothing, showering facilities, and access to laundry equipment for men experiencing homelessness. The Center was established in 2014 after a homeless man froze to death on a street in Bedford, IN. Following this tragedy, the late Fr. Rick Eldred, then Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, worked closely with a coalition of other Lawrence County churches and city and county governmental officials to establish a low-barrier shelter for homeless men during the harsh winter months. In addition to basic services, staff assist these low-income men in obtaining necessary identification documents, searching for employment, budgeting skills to help break the cycle of poverty, seeking mental health or addiction counseling, accessing needed medical or dental care, and aiding in pursuing a reconnection with family members if they so desire to strengthen their family structure.



SCAN ME

[Teen Mother Choices](#) is a two-year program which began in 2007 to serve teen mothers (ages 13-23) who have already given birth and are now parenting. These young women are taught life skills, financial management, and budgeting skills to enable them to break the cycle of poverty and are provided with a mentor to accompany them as they learn parenting skills as well as take courses in healthy relationships. The program was started thanks to a cooperative effort between Lyn Weidner and the Most Rev. Shaun Danda, then pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Brookville, and St. Peter's Catholic Church.



SCAN ME

[Dathouse Inc.](#) is a faith-based not-for-profit which exists to be a leader and catalyst in fostering a healthy mixed-income community. Dathouse Inc. aspires to be good neighbors, invest in young people, and encourage Christian Community Development. Dathouse Inc. received a CCHD local grant specifically for DAT Kids after-school program. The mission of the program is to create a safe space in the neighborhood to empower and equip at-risk youth with practical life, social, and emotional skills in an effort to foster relationships that build the next generation of community members.



SCAN ME

This novena to Our Lady for Justice focuses on a different title of Mary from the Litany of Loreto for each of the 9 days, combined with a prayer intention for these three organizations which receive funding from the local CCHD grant. It incorporates the Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for Justice from the USCCB, and closes with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins.



day 1: We invoke Mary as "Mother of Mercy"

- **Today's intention is for the poor, the homeless, those with mental illnesses, those with addictions, and all those served by the Men's Warming Center of Bedford, that they may they know they too are heirs to the treasures of heaven...**

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 2: We invoke Mary as "Mirror of Justice"

- **Today's intention is for those who provide shelter, sleeping accommodations, food, clothing, employment assistance, and relief by their work at the Men's Warming Center of Bedford, that they may see the face of Christ in those they serve...**

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

Glory Be...



day 3: We invoke Mary as "Solace of Migrants"

- **Today's intention is for the grace to hear the call of the Holy Spirit in our lives; that our hearts might be opened in generosity to those who live on the margins...**

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 4: We invoke Mary as "Health of the Sick"

- **Today's intention is for teen mothers; for those who are alone, for those with addictions, for those caught in the cycle of poverty, for those who are afflicted by domestic violence, and for all those served by Teen Mother Choices, that they may be supported by loved ones...**

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 5: We invoke Mary as "Refuge of Sinners"

- **Today's intention is for those who work for Teen Mother Choices in the Batesville Deanery, who teach life skills to teen mothers, who mentor young mothers to learn parenting skills, and who provide hope to young families, that they see the face of Our Blessed Mother and the child Jesus in those they serve...**

Most merciful mother, you came to tell us of your compassion through St. Juan Diego, whom you called the littlest and dearest of your sons. Give your strength and protection to all who live in poverty today, especially the young, elderly, and vulnerable. Plead for them to the Father, that they might experience the Divine Love tangibly in their daily lives, and that all who work for justice on behalf of the poor might grow in fortitude and humility. In these ways, manifest your charity and concern in our lives, that the weeping of humanity may be heard, and all our suffering, pain, and misfortune may be filled with divine comfort and healing. May we always know the peace of being in the cradle of your arms, and bring us safely home to your Son, Jesus. Amen.

-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 6: We invoke Mary as "Help of Christians"

- **Today's intention is that God might grant all of us the desire and the means to assist teen mothers through our prayers, our wisdom, our accompaniment, our compassion, and our financial generosity...**

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-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 7: We invoke Mary as "Comfort of the Afflicted"

- **Today's intention is for children, especially those who live in dangerous neighborhoods, who have parents who are incarcerated, who live in poverty, and all those who are served by DatHouse Inc.'s DAT Kids after-school program, that they may know the love of Christ in their lives...**

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-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 8: We invoke Mary as "Queen of Prophets"

- **Today's intention is for all those who participate in the work of DatHouse, Inc.'s mission to foster a healthy community by being good neighbors, investing in young people, and encouraging Christian community, that they continue to know, love, and serve the Lord...**

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-Our Father...

-Hail Mary...

-Glory Be...



day 9: We invoke Mary as "Queen of Peace"

- **Today's intention is for conversion of heart for each of us, that we might deepen our relationship with Jesus, and take his mission as our own, to "bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and set the downtrodden free..."**

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