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I would like to express my sincere gratitude and strong support for *A Mother's Hope*, an organization dedicated to providing a loving refuge for pregnant, homeless women in the Fort Wayne area.

A Mother's Hope is the fruit of the dedication and prayer of a committed group of lay Catholics in our community. These men and women felt called to fill the need for a home in the Fort Wayne area where pregnant women with no place to go could find a loving, supportive community to serve their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They began by constituting a board of directors, conducting substantive research into the best practices of other successful Christian maternity homes in the country, and then developed a detailed business plan in consultation with other professionals.

The Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation has generously donated a home to be used as the location for *A Mother's Hope*, and the board is now in the process of raising funds to renovate the home and hire staff in preparation for its projected opening in Spring 2018. *A Mother's Hope* will be able to house up to eight mothers and their babies at one time, and will provide education in life skills, job training, and good parenting to help these women on their journey towards self-sufficiency.

I would be grateful for your support for this new and much-needed contribution to the culture of life in our diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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