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To Whom-So-Ever It May Concern

Subject: "Integrated Girls' Protection and Empowerment Educational Project Through the Construction of Hostel for the College-going Girls".

Dear Benefactors,

This is Bishop Joseph Raja Rao Thelagathoti, SMM., sending you Greetings and Blessings from the Diocese of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India.

I am pleased to recommend the project undertaken by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (FIHM), Kanchikacherla, namely the Construction of the Immaculate College Girls' Hostel for rural and economically disadvantaged young women pursuing higher education.

Kanchikacherla and the surrounding rural areas continue to face serious socio-economic challenges. Many girls belonging to poor Dalit, Tribal, and marginalized communities discontinue their education due to the lack of safe accommodation and proper educational support facilities. In this context, the proposed hostel is a timely and much-needed initiative that will provide protection, educational opportunity, and personal empowerment for deserving rural girls.

The FIHM Sisters have been rendering commendable service in the field of education and social development for many years. Their commitment towards the welfare and empowerment of girls and women is well recognized in our Diocese. I am confident that this project will be implemented with dedication, transparency, and genuine concern for the marginalized.

The proposed hostel will not only provide accommodation for college-going girls but will also help create an atmosphere conducive to academic growth, moral formation, and holistic development. Such initiatives are essential for enabling young women to break the cycle of poverty and become responsible contributors to society.

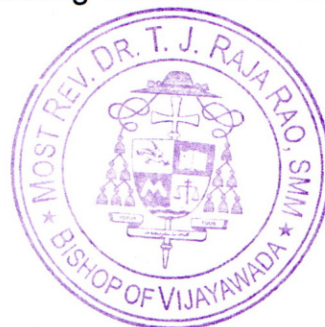
I wholeheartedly support this project and request your kind consideration and generous assistance for its realization. Your support would make a lasting difference in the lives of many deserving young women and their families.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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