



## Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Collection to support Catholic Communication Campaign and Catholic University will take place in our Diocese on the weekend of May 15 and 16.

The first portion of this collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign to further our mission to proclaim the Gospel by using the rapidly growing modern means of communications tools available to us. Here in the Diocese of Palm Beach we are reaching out to the faithful beyond the pew, on the television airwaves with the weekly Mass for the sick and homebound, on the worldwide web and with *the Florida Catholic Newspaper* online and print edition.

The Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI in his annual message for World Communications Day said, *“The spread of multimedia communications and its rich “menu of options” might make us think it sufficient simply to be present on the Web, or to see it only as a space to be filled. Yet priests can rightly be expected to be present in the world of digital communications as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, exercising their proper role as leaders of communities which increasingly express themselves with the different “voices” provided by the digital marketplace.”* Your generous support enables Diocesan communications ministry endeavors as well as national initiatives in conjunction with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in our shared mission to introduce people to the Catholic Church using all means of media technologies in an appropriate way.

The second part of this important annual collection supports Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. CUA is the national university of the Catholic Church in America, founded and sponsored by the United States Bishops (USCCB) and approved by the Holy See with a special responsibility to form leaders of the Catholic Church and our nation. Together let us answer Christ’s call to *“Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature!”* (Mark 16:15)

With gratitude for your generosity, and the assurance of my prayers for you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach

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