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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month's collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign and Catholic University of America and is set to take place the weekend of May 16 and 17.

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is committed to funding programs that uplift the Catholic community for the evangelization of the world. Half of all funds collected are used to fund in part local communications projects such as our Diocesan website, *The Florida Catholic* newspaper, and the weekly televised Catholic Mass featuring local priests airing on the Ion Communications cable network each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. With your generous support, our Diocese, along with national communication efforts, responds to the Gospel call to become heralds of the "Good News" of Jesus Christ meeting people in the modern "public square." Now more than ever the Catholic Church needs to use every modern means necessary to reach people with the Gospel message of God who became man, suffered, died, and rose again to save all people!

The second portion of this collection supports Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. CUA is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the United States Catholic Bishops and approved by the Holy See with a special responsibility to form future leaders of the Catholic Church and our nation.

Last year \$91,823 was collected in total for this shared collection. This year I ask you to consider an even greater contribution, as together we respond to Christ's call to "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

With gratitude for your dedication and generosity, and with assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Note to Pastors:

Please publish this letter in the parish bulletin or have it read at all Masses on the weekend of May 9/10

