

*National Collection*

*To be read from the pulpit preferably on the weekend before the Collection.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I come to you today to ask that you consider a generous gift to the upcoming second collection in support of The Catholic University of America located in the heart of our nation’s capital. Founded by a pontifical charter in 1887 as the national research university of the Church in the United States, the university has served the church and our nation for more than 130 years.

Under the guidance of President Peter K. Kilpatrick, Ph.D., through its 12 schools, 32 research facilities and more than 250 academic programs, the University community works tirelessly on behalf of its more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

Your gift to the second collection, the only national collection taken for higher education in our country, will not only go to support students through various scholarship and financial aid programs but also helps the University better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as the Catholic Identity Professional Development program for teachers, staff, and school leaders in the Archdiocese of Chicago and an innovative program that provides lower-income, primarily Hispanic and Latino students access to a Catholic University undergraduate degree affordably and locally in Tucson, AZ.

Our contributions are critical to both a successful academic year and to all the important work the University does on behalf of the church and its Faithful in our country. I urge you to please make a contribution to the mission of the Catholic University, either directly at your parish or online through their site (refer parishioners to the QR codes on collection envelopes). Pease be generous in supporting this important collection. With prayers and expressions of gratitude I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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