



DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

23 May 2021

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City,

With the great feast of Pentecost here, I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting two special collections which fund modern-day efforts to spread the Good News, similar to how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit encouraged the first Christians to proclaim Christ's salvation "to the ends of the earth."

During our liturgies on the weekend of Pentecost, May 23, we will take a special collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and The Catholic University of America.

During the pandemic, many Catholics turned to radio, television and the Internet to remain connected to their communities, around the world. For many in developing countries, the only news they could trust regarding health measures, the only way for their children to be educated, and the only way they could participate in Mass and prayers of the Church was through modern communications. The Catholic Communication Campaign supports these efforts, and half of your donations remain in our diocese to support our efforts to be missionaries on what Pope Benedict XVI called the "Digital Continent."

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. shares the Good News by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. By way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Spanish language and Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics the University prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today. Again, some of your donation supports students from our diocese who attend CUA, including three of our priests who are studying canon law.

Your generous support for the Catholic Communication Campaign and for The Catholic University of America ensures that many people, from villagers on remote islands to the next generation of lay leaders being educated at CUA, can receive the Gospel and have their lives transformed. Thank you for your prayerful support of these two special collections.

With my prayers that God bless you richly with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City