



Diocese of Colorado Springs

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write 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 research university of the Church in the United States, the university has long served the church and nation. This collection will take place in our Diocese in early September.

Under the guidance of its new 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 5,700 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 county, will not only go to support students in this critical time but also helps the University better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

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. Please be generous in supporting this important collection. With prayers and expressions of gratitude I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ James R. Golka

Most Reverend James R. Golka
Bishop of Colorado Springs

Dear Father/Deacon,

This letter will be published in the Colorado Catholic Herald for August 19, 2022. Please make it available to your parishioners either by reading it at all the weekend Masses of August 27/28, 2022 or by publishing it in your bulletin for that weekend.

Thank you.
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