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Dear Friends 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.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the University community has been working tirelessly on behalf of its 5,700 graduate and undergraduate students to navigate the extraordinary challenges presented by the unprecedented public health crisis. Through its 12 schools, 32 research facilities and more than 250 academic programs the University is doing its best to support its students and faculty while also being true to its mission of educating future Catholic leaders.

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 crucial 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 Catholic 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. I urge you to please make a contribution to the mission of the Catholic University, either directly at your parish or online through their dedicate site on the #igivecatholictogether platform. If you are in a position to do so, please be generous in supporting this important collection. With prayers and expressions of gratitude I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston