Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During the month of May we celebrate World Communications Day, established after the Second Vatican Council to recognize the great importance of social communication. Since its inception, communication methods have exploded with more of us utilizing social and digital media to communicate.

Communication, especially of the Gospel, is at the heart of the special collection the diocese will have on the weekend of May 13 &14. The collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and Catholic University of America.

Half of the CCC collection will fund national communication efforts of the U.S. bishops. The other half stays here in our diocese to fund our local communications projects such as the television Mass, the Florida Catholic newspaper, our diocesan website and electronic newsletters. All of these resources help bring the gospel message to the public square so all can know the love of God.

Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. As the only institution of higher education in the U.S. founded by our bishops and chartered by the Vatican, the university educates clergy, religious, and lay faithful from across the nation. Your support will help the university to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

Because of your support of the CCC and Catholic University collections, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through media resources and Catholic learning. Your generosity is always deeply appreciated.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, 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 13 & 14.