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Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama Bishop of Raleigh 7200 Stonehenge Drive Raleigh, NC 27613-1620

Dear Bishop Zarama:

On behalf of the entire community of The Catholic University of America, please accept my deepest gratitude for your continued investment in the University through our National Collection. Our students come from across America and all over the world, including 38 from the Diocese of Raleigh, to receive an exceptional Catholic education. Your gift of \$81,747 will help us to continue to serve the needs of the Church and educate the future leaders of our Church and nation.

For more than a century, the collection has been a critical pillar of support for the University's work. Many years ago, James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, affectionately coined the collection "the people's endowment." The collection today remains a way for faithful Catholics, alumni or not, to contribute to the direction and future of their Church here at home.

Catholic University belongs not just to those who work, teach, and study here, but also to you and your faithful, and to all Catholics in our country. As Saint John Paul II reminded us almost 40 years ago when he visited our campus, "the responsibility for maintaining and strengthening the Catholic identity of the University rests primarily with us."

We greatly value your partnership and generous investment in our mission and students. Thank you for answering the important call to continue to strengthen and help move the national university of the Church in America to new heights.

Once more, please accept my deepest appreciation for the Diocese of Raleigh's dedicated partnership and for your generous contribution this year. I invite you to visit with us next time you are in town to see, hear, and experience the impact your financial support has on our University.

Sincerely.

John Garvey President