



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



September 5, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you today to ask that you consider a generous gift to next weekend's special collection in support of The Catholic University of America founded by pontifical charter in 1887 to serve the intellectual advancement of the Church in the United States of America.

Since its founding, the Catholic University of America has undertaken the mission to "discover, preserve, and impart the truth in all its forms," providing a place for both continuing reflection and world-class research in over 150 disciplines in its 12 schools and research facilities. Many of its alumni, lay, religious, and clergy, have served in the areas of nursing, education, theology, philosophy, music and fine arts, and canon law in the Diocese of Fort Worth. I am grateful to be included among its alumni as a graduate (B.A.-Philosophy 1988, M.A.-Philosophy 1989).

Our contributions are critical to a successful academic year for the entire university community. I urge you to please make a contribution to the mission of the Catholic University of America to affect the culture and well-being of our American society during this critical moment in our history as a nation and as the Church. In addition to the collection in your parish next weekend, donations can also be made through your parish online giving portal or <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Please be generous in supporting the National Collection for this endeavor. With prayers and expressions of gratitude I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+ Michael F. Olson*

Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, STD, MA  
Bishop of Fort Worth

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