



Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Office of the Bishop

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fully 50% of collected funds stay right here in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, and the other 50% support communications projects in the United States and around the world.

This past year in many ways has been the “year of communication.” Announcements about the pandemic, the return of the public celebration of Mass, what safety precautions would be in place in our churches, and how we would keep our schools open for in-person learning, what time Masses would be, and the end of the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass are just some of the important announcements the diocese, parishes, and schools have communicated this year.

Let me share with you some other examples that show the impact of your generosity to the CCC. Over the past year, our diocese has been able to build upon the popular "Hey, Father!" and "Motivational Monday" video series; "Dive Deep," the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois; broadcasting LIVE Masses and ordinations from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; making the coverage in *Catholic Times* only local; and helping parishes establish online giving web pages. It also includes the establishment of a text and email alert system, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award where we honor an outstanding teacher and promoting vocations through several multi-media platforms. With your generosity, we can continue these popular initiatives, and bring people closer to our faith or even back to our faith.

Since there will be no in-church collection taking place, please make your donation online at parishgiving.dio.org/secondcollections. You can also mail your donation to your parish office.

For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cc. Support the collection and build community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

PASTORS/PARISH LEADERS: Please announce the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) collection to your parishioners in your bulletins, website, or other social media platforms the weekend of **May 8/9, 2021** and gather it on the weekend of **May 15/16, 2021**. The proceeds gathered should be forwarded to our **Office for Finance** within thirty (30) days. Thank you so much for your pastoral support of this appeal!