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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend is the **Outreach Collection**, an annual collection of the Archdiocese of Anchorage that helps promote our Catholic faith and enables us to share its joys with those around us. Please allow me to explain the three outreach programs supported by this important fund-raising effort.

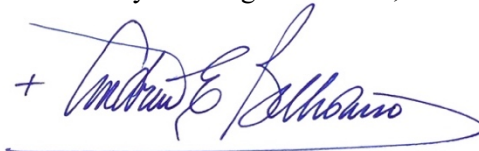
A third of the Outreach Collection supports our Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Anchor*. *The Catholic Anchor* is an important communication tool for our Church. It covers various parish life activities and provides a Catholic perspective on current events. Your donation to the Outreach Collection supports this ministry in covering local Church events with pictures and stories; and, ensures that every registered household within the Archdiocese receives a free monthly copy of the paper.

A third of the Outreach Collection supports **The Catholic University of America**. *The Catholic University of America*, founded over a century ago by the Catholic Bishops of the United States, is a place of world-class learning that changes lives by forming students in the Catholic faith. Your donation to the Outreach Collection allows The Catholic University of America to implement programs that help the next generation of Catholic leaders grow strong in their faith and pass it on to others.

Finally, a third of the Outreach Collection supports the ongoing work of the **Catholic Communications Campaign**. As people continue to access more and more information on mobile devices, there is an increased need to provide faith resources on these platforms as well. Your donation to the Outreach Collection allows the people of the Archdiocese of Anchorage to experience the Scriptures in a new way, ensuring, among other things, that daily readings are available as free podcasts (www.usccb.org).

Pope Francis encourages us “to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster a culture of encounter” (World Communications Day Message, 2017). By generously supporting this collection, you spread the Gospel, enrich society, and help as we encounter Christ every day. Thank you for your generous support.

Many Blessings and Peace,

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