



June, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The weekend of June 11-12, 2011 our diocese will be participating in the annual combined Collection for the Catholic Communications/Catholic University of America Appeal. Supporting Catholic Communications is important for the Church, particularly in today's fast-paced world. Proceeds from this collection help keep us connected to our Church—no matter where we are—through all the communications media we use every day.

The Catholic Communications Campaign provides faith-centered television and radio programming, Catholic news, such as our own diocesan newspaper, *the North Country Catholic*, helpful marriage and family resources, audio versions of the daily Scripture readings, and so much more. These services, delivered in a wide variety of ways, help keep us current in Church news and foster our growth in the faith. As you know, some of the proceeds collected in this appeal are used to fund local communications efforts within our diocese.

The Catholic University of America is also assisted in this combined collection. Founded in 1887, the Catholic University of America is the nation's only higher education institution established by the U.S. Bishops. Each year, it turns to the general Catholic population of our country to aid in its important mission of providing solid Catholic education for its students.

Please be as generous as your means allow to the Catholic Communications/Catholic University of America Campaign in your parish collection. We need your support to remain a strong voice in today's world as we continue to spread the Good News through all media.

With gratitude for your generous spirit and pledge of prayers for you and your loved ones, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry R. LaValley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg