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DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA  
*OFFICE OF THE BISHOP*

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August 29, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States. The University community works tirelessly to educate over 5,700 students in more than 250 academic programs throughout the year which will prepare them to serve as Catholic leaders of the Church and nation.

The research and training initiatives of the University support dioceses and parishes in addressing the most pressing needs of future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The Catholic Project initiative brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S.

The Diocese of Venice will take up a collection for the Catholic University of America the weekend of September 6 and 7, 2025. Your contribution helps the University to educate thousands of young people in both faith and reason, while upholding the highest standards of education. May God Bless you for your generosity!

This opportunity is taken to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida

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