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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our experience over the past two months has shown us in profound ways the absolutely critical nature of communications when it comes to connecting us to each other and to our parish communities. Despite social distancing requirements, we have been able to share the Good News and reach out to those in need through livestream Masses, prayer services and inspirational messages; through social media on multiple platforms; through our diocesan website and our newspaper, The Evangelist, and through so many other avenues available to us now. That is why I am asking you to consider a gift to the Catholic Communication Campaign, which will be taken up the weekend of June 6-7 in our Diocese.

Typically, this collection would be taken up in parishes, but since we are not yet back to full Mass schedules, this year's collection will be more challenging than ever — and yet more important than ever. A full 50 percent of the funds collected through this campaign stay right here in our Diocese to support our communication efforts directly. The other 50 percent supports Church communication projects around the world.

Your support for the Catholic Communication Campaign allows our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in our efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help we are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize.

We encourage you to visit www.rcda.org/media and www.evangelist.org to learn more about what we're doing to share the Good News in the Diocese of Albany. You can keep up with national and worldwide Church news by following www.usccb.org and www.vaticannews.va/en.html.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. It is only with your help that we can effectively proclaim the Good News across the Diocese and around the world each and every day.

Thank you for your generous support.

Your servant in Christ,

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