

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

April 23, 2009

Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!

Dear Friends in Christ,

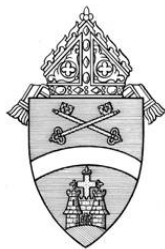
In today's hectic world, we all need to hear the Good News. It's a powerful reminder of God's love for us. It enriches us and nourishes our faith. The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is committed to funding programs that uplift the Catholic community and evangelize the world. The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection will be taken up in our diocese on May 17.

You can truly make a difference right here in our Belleville Diocese through your donation to the CCC Collection. Half of all funds collected here are used for local communications projects such as our diocesan newspaper, *The Messenger*. The other half is used nationally in traditional and new media. Because of parishioners like you all over the United States, the Church is able to minister and evangelize through its local and national communications efforts. To learn more about how CCC is making a difference and how you can help, please visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org.

Your participation is essential to the success of the Collection. I am most grateful for your generous support.

Sincerely and appreciatively yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton
Bishop of Belleville



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Please read this letter, print a synopsis of it in your bulletin and make appropriate announcements on the weekend of May 9-10, 2009. The collection is to be taken up on May 16-17, 2009.

Envelopes for this collection should be in your parishioners' regular envelope packets. Please send the proceeds of this collection to the Chancery no later than Friday, July 3, 2009. Please make the check payable to "Catholic Diocese of Belleville" and indicate "Communications Campaign" in the lower left-hand corner of the check. Your cooperation in forwarding the check by the requested date is appreciated.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and assistance.