Collection benefits Catholic University & communications campaign

When Catholics dig into their pockets for the second collection in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore Aug. 4-5, their contributions will go to spread the word about the Church and for academic scholarships for The Catholic University of America.

"Money raised goes to support the efforts of Catholic University... and the communications efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archdiocese of Baltimore," said Sean T. Caine, communications director for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, "which endeavor to promote all of the good work of the Catholic Church."

Fifty percent of the money collected for the Catholic Communications Campaign will be given to the USCCB and the other half goes to the archdiocesan communications budget to promote evangelization by developing television, radio, newspaper, and Catholic press projects.

The Catholic University portion of the collection goes directly to its Washington campus and provides scholarships for eligible students from all 50 states to the institution of higher education – the only one in the nation with Pontifical faculties.

Catholic University has schools in theology and religious studies, philosophy, law, arts and sciences, social work, nursing, engineering, music, architecture, library and information sciences, and canon law.

The archdiocese has been grouping the two causes in one collection for several years, Mr. Caine said.