

November 15, 2013

Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders, and Pastoral Coordinators:

The **2013 Retirement Collection** - SHARE IN THE CARE - will take place the **weekend of December 7 and 8**. This combined collection will benefit the women and men religious as well as our senior diocesan priests. We are asking for your help in making this year's appeal a success. Last year, through the generosity of many, \$260,563.00 was given to the Retirement Fund for Religious, and \$203,316.00 to our own diocesan priests' retirement fund.

In thanksgiving for all that our senior diocesan priests and religious have done, please ask your parishioners to join in supporting this Retirement Collection and in praying for God's continued blessing on our diocesan priests, religious order priests, sisters, and brothers.

To assist you in this endeavor, you are receiving parish materials from the Catholic Foundation. These materials include: posters, bulletin and pulpit announcements, sample homily helps, a general intercession, Remittance Form, and a large envelope to return donor envelopes. Contribution envelopes are being mailed separately to your parish(es). These materials may also be found on the Diocesan webpage www.catholicfoundationgb.org

On behalf of all our diocesan priests and the men and women religious in our diocese, we offer our deepest thanks for all your efforts in encouraging your parishioners to SHARE IN THE CARE. May our loving God bless you and your parishioners abundantly.

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