

October 26, 2015

Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Coordinators:

The **2015 Retirement Collection** - SHARE IN THE CARE - will take place the **weekend of December 12 and 13**. 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, \$213,693 was given to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, and \$187,683 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, a general intercession and contribution envelopes. These materials may also be found on the Catholic Foundation 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.



Sister Louise Hembrecht, OSF
Representative for Religious



Father Tom Long
Vicar for Ministers