

October 31, 2016

Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders, and Pastoral Coordinators:

The **2016 Retirement Collection** - SHARE IN THE CARE - will take place the **weekend of December 10 and 11**. 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, \$214,560 was given to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, and \$198,356 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](http://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  
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