

October 26, 2017

Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Coordinators:

The **2017 Retirement Collection** – SHARE IN THE CARE – will take place the **weekend of December 9 and 10**. This combined collection will benefit the women and men religious as well as our senior diocesan priests. Once again, we are asking for your help in making this year's appeal a success. Last year, through the generosity of many, \$203,094 was given to the National Retirement Fund for Religious and \$192,714 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.

Please know we are grateful for the generosity of the people of the Green Bay Diocese in the past. Nationally, we are among the Dioceses that contribute the most to this collection.

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.

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