

Retirement Collection

December 8-9, 2012

Diocesan Priests' Retirement & National Retirement Fund for Religious

Bulletin Announcements

December 2 bulletin -- Week prior to the collection:

Next weekend, our parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. As in past years, we will have the opportunity to give to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. In addition, we are adding an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. The donations for our senior priests will go through the retirement fund established for them. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided.

December 9 bulletin -- Week of the Collection:

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available to make your contribution. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

December 16 bulletin -- Week after the Collection:

Thank you to all who gave generously last weekend through the Retirement Collection. If you still wish to donate, you may use the envelopes in church or the parish office to share in the care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests, as well as our own diocesan priests. On behalf of them, thank you for your generous care!

Intercession for the Universal Prayer on December 8-9

For our senior sisters, brothers and priests in religious orders, and for our senior diocesan priests, that they may enjoy comfort and security in their elder years as they continue to devote their lives to prayer and service. We pray to the Lord.

Pulpit Announcement – day of collection

For years, our diocese has been a national leader in supporting the retirement needs of sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection is distributed to religious communities around the country based on need.

Within our diocese, there is an increasing awareness of the retirement needs of our own diocesan priests as well. Parishes contribute to their retirement fund, and yet the fund itself does not have enough money to offer our senior priests into the future.

This year, we ask for your generosity for both these groups of faithful servants. This collection, Share in the Care, will allow you to give to both the Retired Religious, as in the past, as well as a new opportunity to give to the retirement needs of our own diocesan priests. You may contribute to both collections, or just one, using the same envelope. Thank you for your generosity.