

## **Retirement Collection**

December 9 – 10, 2023

### **Diocesan Priests' Retirement & National Retirement Fund for Religious**

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#### **Bulletin Announcements**

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##### **December 2 – 3 -- 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. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups, or just to one. Please use the envelope provided [PLEASE SPECIFY – IN BULLETIN, IN PEWS, IN BACK OF CHURCH].

##### **December 9 – 10 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 SPECIFY WHERE]. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

##### **December 16 – 17 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!

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#### **Intercession for the Universal Prayer on December 9 – 10**

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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.

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#### **Pulpit Announcement – day of collection – December 9 – 10**

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For years, our diocese has been a national leader in supporting the retirement needs of sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund is distributed to religious communities around the country based on need. We are also aware of the retirement needs of our own senior diocesan priests.

Today, 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 well as our senior diocesan priests. You may contribute to both collections, or just one, using the same envelope. Thank you for your generosity.