

Dear Pastors, Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Coordinators:

The **2023 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. The Diocese of Green Bay has historically responded to this collection with extraordinary generosity, outpacing other dioceses nationwide. Proceeds from the Retirement Collection provide critical funding to help meet ongoing eldercare expenses.

Last year, a total of \$420,369 was raised in support of this collection. \$207,378 was given to the National Retirement Fund for Religious and \$212,990 to our own Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do to support the Retirement Collection. Together we are able to raise the much-needed funds for the men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving our Lord and our communities.

In thanksgiving for our senior diocesan priests and religious, please ask your parishioners to join in supporting this Retirement Collection. Please pray for God's continued blessing on our diocesan priests, religious order priests, sisters, and brothers. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

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 website at www.catholicfoundationgb.org.

On behalf of all our diocesan priests and the men and women religious in our diocese, we can't begin to thank you enough for your efforts in encouraging your parish families to SHARE IN THE CARE. May our loving God bless you and your parishioners abundantly.



Sister Leonette Kochan, OSF
Representative for Religious



Reverend Mark Vander Steeg
Vicar for Priests and Pastoral Leaders

P.S. As our retired religious have faithfully served our Lord and us, let us now generously support them in their retirement years. Please SHARE IN THE CARE by promoting the 2023 Retirement Collection in your parish. Thank you!