

Saint Mark Catholic Center  
429 East Grandview Boulevard  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16514-0397

Dear Monsignor/Father,

April 7, 2024

Thanks to the generosity of our people for 2023; we received \$160,600 up from 2022 by \$22,511 from 2022. The purposes of our Good Shepherd Collection:

1. To provide additional revenue annually to the Priest Retirement Pension Plan.
2. To provide funding for the operation of the MJM Residence for Retired Priests.
3. To help cover the cost of assisted living and long-term health care expenses for those retired priests whose personal financial resources are inadequate.
4. To provide the Bishop with a source of funds for unexpected needs for the care of a priest.
5. To add to the Clergy Health and Welfare Endowment for a long-term source of funding to meet the ongoing needs of the priests.

All our priests one day will benefit from the Priests Retirement Plan. The Good Shepherd Collection is your opportunity as priests to also make some commitment along with the good people of the Diocese. A suggested contribution of \$300 or more would be greatly appreciated. All gifts are welcome and appreciated. Your leadership benefits those priests already retired and us who will follow in the years to come. You may use the enclosed envelope and return your contribution to this office or include it with the collection taken in your parish. We need your help to promote the Good Shepherd Collection for retired priests.

You and your parish staff can reference the Promotion Kit on the Diocesan web site: <https://www.eriercd.org/Good-Shepherd-Collection-materials.html>

Anything you can do to promote with your parishioners the importance of helping our retired priests will go a long way in meeting current and future needs. Talking Points about the importance of this Collection or a mention in the homily along with your own personal witness, will let our people know our need. Remind parishioners that the collection for Retired Religious in December does not benefit Diocesan priests. A good case statement by our priests for the Good Shepherd Collection will go a long way in increasing funds to help our brother priests.

Msgr. Daniel Magraw