

2018 Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)



Parish Appeal/Pulpit Announcement

Please read from the pulpit or include with the weekly announcements.

Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for little to no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your support helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Mass Resources

December 8-9- 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent (Lectionary: 6)

Bar 5:1-9 / Psalm 126 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

General Intercessions

We pray for our Catholic senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, that they may enjoy the dignified care they so richly deserve as they continue to devote their lives to prayer and service. Let us pray to the Lord. R/.

Bulletin Announcements

Week before the collection

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection.

Week of the collection

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Week after the collection

Religious give thanks. “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!