

A close-up portrait of an elderly woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a black and white religious habit, including a white headband and a black veil. A silver cross necklace is visible around her neck. The background is a soft, out-of-focus warm brown.

National Religious Retirement Office

**2017
Annual Report**



The 2017 Retirement Fund for Religious campaign raised \$28 million and featured four senior religious from Southern California.

From left: Sister Gloria Rodríguez, Missionaries Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit; Father Albert Busic, Discalced Carmelite Friars of the California-Arizona Province; Sister Alfonsina Sanchez, Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles; Sister Mary Ann Hanson, Sisters of Notre Dame.

Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

My deepest thanks for your ongoing and prayerful support of our nation's elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Donations to the 2017 appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious totaled \$28 million.

Last year, we marked the 30th anniversary of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. During this time period, the retirement landscape for religious communities has changed dramatically. Today, communities often find that traditional approaches to retirement funding and eldercare are no longer sufficient. Rising health-care costs, demographic changes, and decreased income require strategies that are markedly different from those in place when the collection was founded.

Our aim is to help communities accept these realities—so they can implement new approaches that allow them to care for senior members while sustaining mission and ministry. Generosity to the Retirement Fund for Religious enables our office to distribute financial assistance for both immediate and long-range needs. It also underwrites educational programming and consultative support that promote systemic change in the ways communities view aging and approach retirement funding.

The progress detailed on the following pages is possible only through the love, prayers, and generosity of those who partner with us in working for a secure retirement for our nation's elderly religious. For you, we offer abiding thanks and daily prayers.

With gratitude,

Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM

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Cover photo: Sister Theresa Ann Bunker, Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon



Mission

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) has a singular mission: increasing the ability of religious communities to provide for senior members. Donations to the 2017 appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious totaled

“An institute remains youthful by going back to its roots, by listening to its older members. There is no future without this encounter between the old and the young.”¹

Pope Francis

retirement strategies in place, communities are better able to ensure that the charism and good works sown in one generation can be carried forward by the next. Support for the Retirement Fund for Religious celebrates the ongoing contributions of senior religious, honoring a reserve of wisdom that informs today and inspires tomorrow.

\$28,056,506.61. This tremendous generosity enabled the NRRO to provide financial aid, consultative assistance, and an array of educational resources to hundreds of religious institutes in the United States. Together, this support helps institutes care for elder members, assess needs and assets, and plan for the future.

By combining financial assistance with education and resources, the NRRO strives to help religious communities address the underlying factors of their retirement-funding shortages. With long-range

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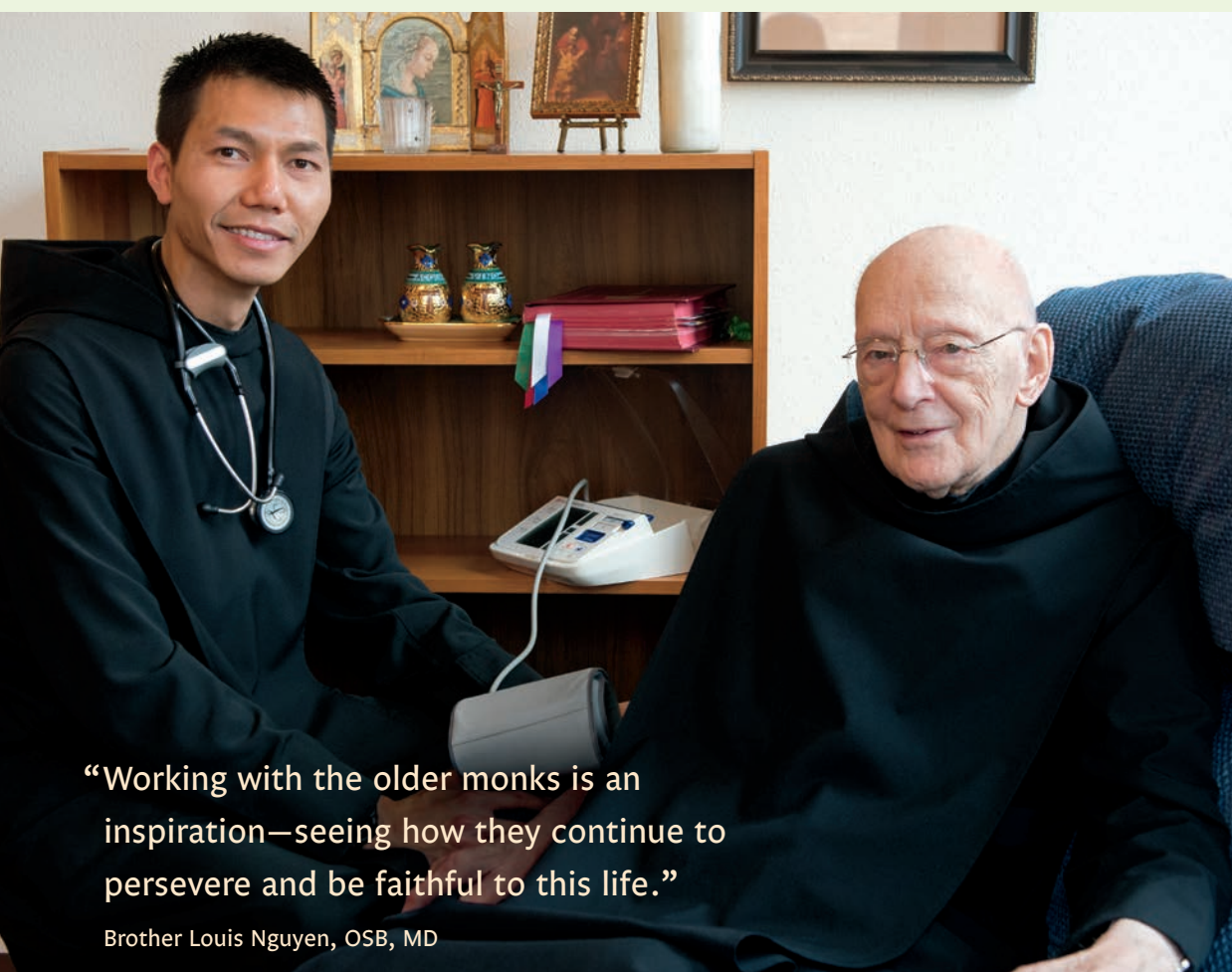
Care

The Retirement Fund for Religious collection was established to help religious communities provide for the current and future retirement and health-care needs of senior members. As such, the bulk of proceeds from the annual appeal, normally 80 to 90 percent, are distributed to assist communities in funding the direct care of elder members.

\$25,000,000

Direct Care Assistance

In 2017, the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) distributed \$25 million in Direct Care Assistance to 360 religious communities across the United States. Communities combine these supplemental funds with their own income and savings to meet a host of retirement needs. Distributions can be used for immediate eldercare costs or invested for future expenses.



“Working with the older monks is an inspiration—seeing how they continue to persevere and be faithful to this life.”

Brother Louis Nguyen, OSB, MD

Brother Louis oversees his community’s infirmary area and adjacent senior wing. Elders who are well, like Father Augustine, benefit from medication management and preventative care. Additional support is provided for senior monks who need assistance with the activities of daily living.

From left: Brother Louis Nguyen, MD, and Father Augustine DeNoble, Benedictines of Mt. Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Oregon.



From left: Sister Julia McGanty of the Benedictine Sisters, Queen of Angels Monastery, Mt. Angel, Oregon, with caregiver Jagoda Milewska Connolly.

Religious communities utilize Direct Care Assistance to help meet such needs as nursing care and prescription medications.

Assess

Funding from the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection underwrites analytical resources and educational assistance that help communities realistically calculate assets, project long-term needs, and evaluate eldercare delivery.

Consultations

The NRRO coordinates a network of 55 consultants who specialize in eldercare, leadership, and finance. In 2017, NRRO consultants conducted 18 onsite visits and provided ongoing, practical support for numerous religious communities.

“Given the wonderful track record of the NRRO, it was easy to agree to serve as a consultant. I hoped I could make a small contribution to their amazing service. The blessing for me has been learning so much in the process.”

Sister Charlene Herinckx, superior general of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, has served as an NRRO consultant since 2015.



Statistical evaluations

In 2017, the NRRO completed 547 Retirement Needs Analyses, which calculate a religious community’s retirement needs based on demographics, current cost of care, and assets available for retirement.

Publications and Online Resources

The NRRO provides an array of free educational opportunities to assist religious communities in retirement planning and eldercare delivery, including a quarterly webinar series offered in cooperation with the Avila Institute of Gerontology. In 2017, almost 2,000 participants viewed these webinars live or online. NRRO newsletters (*right*) and various downloadable resources feature case studies and professional updates.



\$187,659

Management and Continuing Education Assistance

In 2017, the NRRO distributed \$187,659 in Management and Continuing Education (M/CE) Assistance to 46 religious communities. M/CE provides support for basic management tools and/or continuing education in financial management, eldercare, or fund-raising. These distributions underwrite activities such as workshop attendance, demographic and financial forecasting, and assistance applying for government-aid programs.



“M/CE is helping me organize a small community-building workshop at a house where our novices and senior members live together.”

Father Domenico Di Raimondo



Father Domenico Di Raimondo, MSPS. See inside back cover for remaining photo identifications.

As retirement director for the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, Father Domenico utilizes Management and Continuing Education Assistance to inform himself and his community on how to support the aging process.

Plan

Proceeds from the Retirement Fund for Religious underwrite targeted assistance that enables religious communities to develop new and innovative approaches to persistent retirement challenges. Comprehensive planning leads to reduced costs, increased savings, and enhanced care.

\$2,294,301

Planning and Implementation Assistance

In 2017, the NRRO distributed nearly \$2.3 million in Planning and Implementation (P and I) Assistance. P and I is a comprehensive process that provides consultative and financial assistance to help severely underfunded religious communities address their most pressing retirement challenges. Since 2009, 142 communities have participated in the program. Many are now adequately funded for retirement; others have made significant progress in stabilizing retirement savings and planning for the future. The NRRO also provides an adapted version of P and I for religious communities with 25 or fewer members.



In 2017, the NRRO launched the Tending the Vineyard video series, which is designed to promote effective property planning. Funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, these online videos feature guidance from property experts and insights from religious who have completed congregational property initiatives.

From left: Trappistine Sisters Christa Maria Hofman and Janice O'Neill of Mount Saint Mary's Abbey in Wrentham, Massachusetts.



From left: Trappistine Sisters Karla Goncalves and Rita Rodrigue.

Participation in Planning and Implementation Assistance enabled the Trappistines of Mount Saint Mary's Abbey in Wrentham, Massachusetts, to implement strategies that provide ongoing care for elders while ensuring younger members can sustain their Cistercian way of life.

From Our Sponsors

Dear Friends,

As sponsors of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, we are pleased to share the progress of the last year. Your support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Thank you!

In his homily for the 2018 World Day of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis stated, “We can never leave others behind, never pass over generations, but must accompany one another daily.”² Accompanying religious communities as they strive to provide for aging members is at the core of the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) mission. With a cost of care for senior religious that exceeds \$1 billion annually, it is beyond the capacity of the national collection to fully fund the retirement needs of our nation’s religious communities. Rather, the collection allows the NRRO to distribute financial assistance that communities can combine with their own income and savings to meet eldercare expenses. In addition, educational and consultative resources help communities stretch retirement dollars and find new ways to deliver eldercare.

We acknowledge that too many religious congregations face a profound gap between the needs of elder members and available retirement funding. We will continue to accompany them by raising awareness of the funding shortage and by supporting initiatives that promote ongoing viability for religious communities. Our grateful prayers go to all who share this journey.

In Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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Very Reverend Terry

Financial Statement

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2017

Operating Revenue

Contributions	
Diocesan national collection	\$26,091,385
Other	4,205,053
Income on investments	3,002,011
Total Operating Revenue	33,298,449

Operating Expenses

Distributions to religious institutes	27,503,269
Programs and support services	
Administration	1,276,786
Education	206,525
Promotion	626,058
Total Operating Expenses	29,612,638

Increase in Net Assets from Operations 3,685,811

Non-operating item

Unrealized appreciation on investments	3,656,910
Change in net assets	7,342,721

Net Assets at Beginning of Year 70,068,834

Net Assets at End of Year \$77,411,555

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2017

Assets

Marketable securities	\$10,326,765
Contributions receivable	24,742,185
Long-term investments held by USCCB	42,398,657
Total Assets	77,467,607

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	38,514
Grants/distributions payable	17,538

Net assets

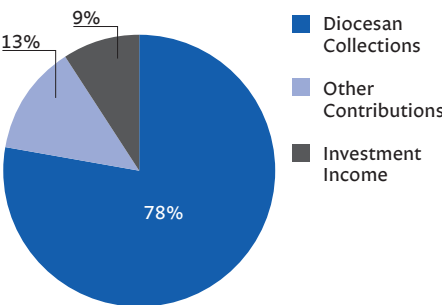
Unrestricted net assets	
Designated	6,330,885
Undesignated	40,809,969
Total unrestricted net assets	47,140,854
Temporarily restricted net assets	30,270,701

Total Net Assets 77,411,555

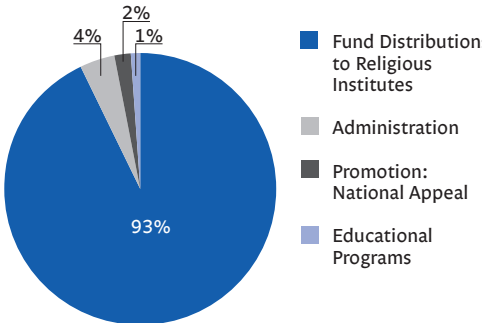
Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$77,467,607

The information presented in this report has been derived from the audited financial statements provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Office of Finance and Accounting. Copies of these statements are available at USCCB.org or upon request to the National Religious Retirement Office.

2017 Sources of Operating Revenue



2017 Operating Expenses



Contributions

(Arch)diocesan Contributions

Listed below are the (arch)dioceses that participated in the 2017 parish-based appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and the amounts they submitted.

Alabama		Georgia		Maine	
Birmingham	\$50,000.00	Atlanta	\$303,459.32	Portland	\$113,431.77
Mobile	74,736.98	Savannah	111,208.81	Maryland	
Alaska		Hawaii		Baltimore	342,886.62
Anchorage	70,546.98	Honolulu	107,756.19	Massachusetts	
Fairbanks	9,082.79	Idaho		Fall River	129,634.98
Juneau	12,722.57	Boise	6,000.00	Springfield	80,113.54
Arizona		Illinois		Worcester	140,000.00
Phoenix	138,638.52	Belleville	74,832.20	Michigan	
Phoenix (Eastern Church)	14,710.50	Chicago	1,010,893.00	Detroit	589,358.60
Tucson	8,629.00	Joliet	362,269.31	Gaylord	170,374.71
Arkansas		Peoria	117,560.00	Grand Rapids	226,609.31
Little Rock	152,119.59	Rockford	118,332.16	Kalamazoo	103,436.20
California		Springfield	140,000.00	Lansing	132,364.93
Fresno	170,332.14	Indiana		Marquette	18,870.31
Los Angeles	565,746.14	Evansville	20,544.23	Saginaw	169,144.28
Monterey	54,613.84	Fort Wayne–South Bend	150,706.53	Minnesota	
Oakland	232,860.68	Gary	55,000.00	Crookston	50,463.56
Orange	364,121.64	Indianapolis	263,061.63	Duluth	46,626.95
Sacramento	201,122.00	Lafayette	158,926.81	New Ulm	26,791.90
San Bernardino	263,385.00	Iowa		St. Cloud	65,893.05
San Diego	333,797.88	Davenport	69,414.26	St. Paul and Minneapolis	482,269.53
San Francisco	140,853.01	Des Moines	84,170.73	Winona	71,045.16
San Jose	220,954.12	Dubuque	172,189.93	Mississippi	
Santa Rosa	43,871.97	Sioux City	62,098.80	Biloxi	38,517.95
Stockton	79,230.17	Kansas		Jackson	73,385.87
Colorado		Dodge City	10,000.00	Missouri	
Colorado Springs	58,740.97	Kansas City	112,742.32	Jefferson City	126,308.88
Denver	131,586.74	Salina	53,087.91	Kansas City–St. Joseph	122,652.97
Pueblo	32,511.42	Wichita	32,700.00	Springfield–Cape Girardeau	73,424.13
Connecticut		Kentucky		St. Louis	310,757.00
Bridgeport	135,178.02	Covington	38,260.35	Montana	
Hartford	327,254.41	Lexington	56,180.12	Great Falls-Billings	25,519.05
Norwich	85,372.31	Louisville	100,000.00	Helena	26,482.99
Delaware		Owensboro	29,905.14	Nebraska	
Wilmington	159,254.93	Louisiana		Grand Island	49,877.78
District of Columbia		Alexandria	20,360.26	Lincoln	14,956.25
Military Services	18,908.96	Baton Rouge	25,800.80	Omaha	184,170.69
Washington	384,375.00	Lafayette	94,110.27	Nevada	
Florida		New Orleans	260,575.81	Las Vegas	98,777.84
Miami	211,900.31	Shreveport	45,162.76	Reno	64,458.27
Orlando	82,914.68				
Palm Beach	199,368.80				
Pensacola–Tallahassee	77,955.29				
St. Augustine	134,168.07				
St. Petersburg	192,641.03				
Venice	200,068.00				

Contributions

New Hampshire		Pennsylvania		Texas, continued	
Manchester	\$235,697.80	Allentown	\$25,409.89	Fort Worth	\$160,683.60
New Jersey		Altoona–Johnstown	60,928.81	Galveston–Houston	643,963.18
Camden	169,798.43	Erie	183,599.33	Laredo	24,158.51
Metuchen	241,857.08	Greensburg	77,956.98	Lubbock	20,575.03
Newark	482,102.40	Harrisburg	53,739.03	San Angelo	83,343.80
Passiac (Eastern Church)	24,000.00	Philadelphia	106,449.55	San Antonio	285,017.13
Paterson	290,309.20	Pittsburgh	469,259.39	Tyler	41,087.39
Trenton	310,447.24	Pittsburgh (Eastern Church)	2,500.00	Victoria	51,431.05
New Mexico		Scranton	82,935.56	Utah	
Gallup	21,009.75	Rhode Island		Salt Lake City	59,202.33
Las Cruces	61,882.09	Providence	199,674.32	Vermont	
Santa Fe	81,607.45	South Carolina		Burlington	69,854.16
New York		Charleston	158,206.57	Virgin Islands	
Brooklyn	239,451.95	South Dakota		St. Thomas	5,644.99
Buffalo	708,000.00	Rapid City	15,232.32	Virginia	
Ogdensburg	13,520.32	Sioux Falls	17,200.00	Arlington	466,243.32
Rockville Centre	389,112.00	Tennessee		Richmond	123,125.36
North Carolina		Knoxville	63,734.36	Washington	
Charlotte	317,539.44	Memphis	45,856.62	Seattle	50,000.00
Raleigh	216,559.32	Nashville	64,736.88	Spokane	20,000.00
North Dakota		Texas		Yakima	16,421.07
Bismarck	47,706.84	Amarillo	42,990.25	West Virginia	
Fargo	31,607.94	Austin	64,422.77	Wheeling–Charleston	110,290.97
Ohio		Beaumont	71,934.79	Wisconsin	
Cincinnati	660,000.00	Brownsville	39,878.83	Green Bay	207,442.15
Cleveland	377,042.13	Corpus Christi	77,089.25	La Crosse	133,644.84
Columbus	120,851.19	Dallas	173,600.95	Madison	53,593.67
Steubenville	28,683.62	El Paso	46,791.87	Milwaukee	302,725.62
Toledo	122,899.31			Superior	15,750.66
Youngstown	367,728.65			Wyoming	
Oklahoma				Cheyenne	46,577.70
Oklahoma City	97,322.20			Total	\$25,139,854.24
Tulsa	66,953.00				
Oregon					
Baker	11,150.66				
Portland	199,920.20				

(Arch)diocesan Distributions

The (arch)dioceses listed to the right sponsor programs independent of the national appeal and distribute funds directly to local religious institutes. Data submitted by these (arch)dioceses helps ensure the accuracy of the National Religious Retirement Office formula for fund distribution nationally.

Baton Rouge	\$540,000.00
Boston	899,527.37
Covington	161,509.27
New York	492,137.56
Norwich	10,000.00
Ogdensburg	114,518.10
Philadelphia/Harrisburg/Allentown	923,500.00
Syracuse	551,762.97
Total	\$3,692,955.27

Other Donors

In 2017, individuals and organizations donated to the Retirement Fund for Religious through bequests, institutional philanthropy, and direct donations. These contributions totaled \$2,916,652.37 and include stock donations and matching gifts.

Listings are alphabetical.

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National Religious Retirement Office

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Annual Report Supplement

The *National Religious Retirement Office 2017 Annual Report Supplement* contains a detailed listing of the financial distributions to religious communities made possible by the 2017 collection. This supplement also provides a list of the coordinators in each (arch)diocese who collaborate with the NRRO to manage the RFR appeal at the local level.

To access this list electronically, please visit: retiredreligious.org/about-us/annual-report. Printed copies of the supplement can be obtained by contacting our office.

For more information about the Retirement Fund for Religious or about making a bequest, please contact:

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Resources for religious institutes are available at uscgb.org/nrro.



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Father Mark Weidner, a Trappist monk of Guadalupe Abbey in Carlton, Oregon, answered his call to religious life in a particular way, as a hermit. For 53 years, he lived a simple, solitary, silent life of prayer, leaving the hermitage only on Sundays to celebrate the Sabbath with his community. Asked how he knew that this was God’s will for him, he said, “Once a year, I ask myself the question: ‘Mark, have you grown more gentle toward your world, have you grown more gentle toward your brothers and guests, have you grown more gentle toward yourself this year? If I can honestly answer yes to that question, I’m good to stay up here (at the hermitage) another year.’”

The photos of Father Mark were taken in March, shortly after health problems required him to return to live at the abbey. He died peacefully in his sleep on June 3, 2018. He was 91.



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Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, Novitiate Community, Long Beach, California.

From left: Oscar Rodríguez, Father Celso Márquez, Father Jorge Gomez del Valle, Rafael Álvarez, Father Domenico Di Raimondo, Moissés Vences, Father Guillermo Flores, Helmer Vargas, José Ortega.

¹ Pope Francis, Homily, 22nd World Day of Consecrated Life, February 2, 2018, https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180202_omelia-vita-consacrata.html.

²Ibid.



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