

Retirement Fund for Religious

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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

On behalf of more than 32,000 senior religious and their communities, I send deepest thanks for your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. In 2016, for the second year in a row, donations to the appeal exceeded \$30 million. This generosity enabled our office to distribute funding to 390 religious communities and to offer resources that help communities stretch retirement dollars and enhance eldercare.

Despite the tremendous support the collection provides, numerous religious communities struggle to provide for older members. In fact, less than 8 percent of the communities submitting data to our office are adequately funded for retirement. So I ask for your assistance in promoting a generous response to the 2017 appeal. Please consider distributing a letter to parishioners in support of the collection. (Sample text is available. *See below.*) Also, please encourage pastors to announce the collection and/or host a speaker during Mass.

Women and men religious of all ages are thankful for the assistance the collection offers. Together with their communities, they strive to provide loving care for elder members while continuing to serve the People of God. And they hold in grateful prayer all who support this mission.

With gratitude,



Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM
Executive Director

**Please visit
to download our campaign materials.**

***Click on the Resources bar to access
the following items:***

- **Bishop letter to parishioners**
- **Bishop letter to pastors**
- **Bulletin insert**
- **Bulletin/pulpit announcements**

Note: Each parish is sent two posters and a campaign guide.



Photo (from left): Sister Gloria Rodriguez, MGSps, 80; Father Albert Bunsic, OCD, 81; Sister Alfonsina Sanchez, OCD, 96; Sister Mary Ann Hanson, SND, 79.



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