

# Retirement Fund for Religious

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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). Donations to the 2015 collection totaled \$30.7 million, enabling our office to distribute \$25 million to 401 religious communities for the direct care of elder members. Additional funding will be allocated for communities with the greatest needs and for retirement-planning education and resources.

The support the RFR makes possible has helped many congregations transform what was once a crisis in retirement funding into a manageable concern. Yet hundreds of others continue to struggle. Escalating health-care costs and an increase in those needing care places a growing strain on already limited resources.

So I ask for your continued assistance in promoting a generous response among the faithful. Please consider distributing a letter to parishioners in support of the 2016 collection. (A link to sample text is provided below.) Also, please encourage pastors to host an RFR speaker in their parishes and/or to offer their own support from the pulpit.

Know that women and men religious are profoundly grateful for the assistance the RFR provides. They hold you and all those who support the collection close in prayer.

God bless,

*Sister Susan Schorsten, HM*

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Interim Executive Director

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Photos: (foreground) Sister Rita Polchin, SSCM, 87; (background) visit [retiredreligious.org/2016photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2016photos) for a list of names.

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



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