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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

Please accept heartfelt thanks for your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection. The 2020 appeal raised \$20.7 million. Though this total is a decrease from previous years, it represents a tremendous outpouring of generosity during a time when many were struggling. Donations allowed our office to distribute critical funding to 321 US religious communities.

We are humbled by the love and support shown during the collection, even as we acknowledge the ongoing gap between the needs of elderly religious and the resources available to care for them. Of 531 religious communities providing data to us, only 27 are sufficiently funded for retirement.

So once again, I ask for your assistance in promoting a generous response to the annual appeal. Please consider distributing a letter to parishioners to endorse the collection. (*See below to access sample text.*) Also, please encourage pastors to announce the collection during Mass, host an RFR speaker, or both.

Annual funding from the collection helps hundreds of religious communities provide loving care for older members while continuing to serve the People of God. Religious of all ages are profoundly grateful for this assistance. May God bless you for your continued prayers and advocacy on behalf of our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Gratefully,



Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM
Executive Director

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