

Retirement Fund for Religious

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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

I am deeply grateful for your continued support of the Retirement Fund for Religious.

I am delighted to share that the 2023 appeal raised nearly \$29.3 million. **This year, we have surpassed a significant milestone, with over \$1 billion raised since the collection's inception in 1988.** This achievement highlights US Catholics' remarkable generosity and unwavering



commitment to impacting the lives of thousands of aging religious and their communities across our nation, helping them stabilize their retirement outlooks.

However, we must recognize that, despite these successes, many communities still face challenges in fully meeting their retirement needs. Data from the National Religious Retirement Office show that there is an ongoing need for substantial support, as many religious institutes struggle to care for their aging members.

I ask for your continued assistance in inspiring a generous response from the faithful. Please consider distributing a letter to your parishioners that endorses this collection. Pastors should also be encouraged to announce the appeal during Mass or host a Retirement Fund for Religious speaker.

Once again, thank you for your continued commitment to the Retirement Fund for Religious. You play a crucial role in the collection's success, which supports our vowed religious. Please be assured of my prayers and the gratitude of all who benefit from your generous support.

In Christ,

John Knutsen
Director

Please visit retiredreligious.org/materials and click on the **Resources** bar to download the following items and more:

- (Arch)bishop to Parishioners Letter
- (Arch)bishop to Pastors Letter
- Bulletin Inserts
- Bulletin/Pulpit Announcements

Photo, from left: Father Maury Smith, OFM, 87; Sister Olivia Bellegante, OSF, 92; Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, FSGM, 72.

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