

Retirement Fund for Religious

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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my continued gratitude for your ongoing support of the Retirement Fund for Religious.

I am pleased to report that the 2024 appeal raised more than \$28.1 million. This generous response has once again demonstrated the deep compassion of US Catholics and their commitment to ensuring dignity and security for aging religious across the country.



To date, the collection has raised and distributed over \$1 billion since its inception in 1988—a truly extraordinary milestone.

Even with these accomplishments, the need remains great.

Many religious congregations, however, continue to face serious financial challenges in caring for their elderly members. Only 4% of religious institutes that report to the National Religious Retirement Office are adequately funded for retirement.

I respectfully request your continued support in promoting the appeal. Please consider sharing the (Arch)bishop to Parishioners Letter with your parishioners and encouraging your pastors to speak about the collection at Mass or to invite a speaker to represent it.

Thank you once again for your vital role in the success of this national appeal.

Please be assured of my prayers and the heartfelt thanks of all who benefit from your 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: Brother Jordan Coonen, OP, 84; Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86; Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 76.

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