

Retirement Fund for Religious

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Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your commitment and generosity have made a significant difference in the lives of countless senior women and men religious and their communities.

I am pleased to announce that the 2022 appeal raised an impressive \$27.6 million, enabling numerous religious communities to stabilize their retirement outlooks and provide essential eldercare services. This remarkable achievement is a testament to US Catholics' incredible compassion and generosity for our important mission.



Top row, from left:
Brother Charles Douglas, SSJ, 88;
Sister Marianna Danko, SSMI, 80;
Father James Day, OSST, 77.

Bottom row, from left:
Sister Celeste Burgos, MSHS, 79;
Sister Brenda Cherry, OSP, 84.

Despite these heartening accomplishments, we must acknowledge that many religious communities still face significant challenges in meeting their retirement needs. According to data provided to the National Religious Retirement Office, most still struggle to ensure the care of their elderly members.

Given this, I ask for your continued assistance to promote a generous response among the faithful. We would greatly appreciate it if you could kindly distribute a letter to parishioners

endorsing the collection, and if you could also encourage pastors to announce it during Mass or organize events with Retirement Fund for Religious speakers.

I am deeply grateful for your continued support of the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your commitment is crucial to its success and the well-being of our senior vowed religious. Rest assured of my prayers and the heartfelt appreciation of all who benefit from your generous support.

With much gratitude,



Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM
Executive 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

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