# Retirement Fund for Religious

# **Sponsored by the National Religious Retirement Office**

# Parish Information Needed

As coordinator\* for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection, you are asked to (1) ensure accurate information is entered for your (arch)diocese on the National Collections website and (2) request campaign materials for your parishes as needed.

Please note the following:

- The open period to request campaign materials for the 2024 RFR collection is March 1-July 31, 2023. Because of the way the collection is scheduled, you will be requesting materials roughly 18 months prior to the national appeal.
- Campaign materials can only be requested at the (arch)diocesan level. Parishes do not have access to the National Collections site.
- We rely on you to verify the quantities and items on file for your parishes.
   This review helps to conserve resources and avoid excess or unnecessary printing and shipping.

# **How to Request Materials and Update Information**

# 1. Visit national collections.org.

Click **Login**. Enter **Username** and **Password**. Click the **Login** button. (First-time users: Click **Registration** in the left menu. Submit required information. Registration confirmation will be emailed in one to two business days. Proceed with **Login**.)

# 2. Enter Diocesan Collection Updates.

Use the left menu to click on the sections in blue below. Please review each and update as needed. Important: Click Save Changes for each edit made.

### **Update Diocese Information**

Confirm or edit your information as (arch)diocesan coordinator for the RFR collection and input additional contacts if necessary.

### **Update Parish Information**

Enter parish openings, closings, and address changes as needed.

# **Update Collection Information**

Follow the directions at the top of this section's page.

- Confirm or enter the date of the RFR collection in your (arch)diocese.
   Parish shipments are sent roughly four weeks before the date you provide.
- Make changes to the items or quantities requested as needed.
   The website shows the items and quantities sent to each parish the prior year.
   If no changes are entered, parishes will automatically receive the same shipments.

### **Download Information (optional)**

Download an Excel spreadsheet of the items and quantities requested for each parish.

Campaign materials are provided to parishes and (arch)diocesan offices at no charge.

See pages 2-4.

<sup>\*</sup> If you are not the coordinator, please contact us (see back page).

# **Campaign Materials for Parishes**

# **Automatic Parish Shipments**

Two posters and a parish guide make up the **pastor kit**, which is shipped to each parish unless you indicate otherwise on the National Collections website.

#### **Parish Guide**

This short guide provides an overview of the resources that parishes often use to promote the appeal, such as bulletin announcements and social media. All resources can be downloaded from retiredreligious.org.



#### **Posters**

Each year, the RFR produces a poster featuring senior religious. The goal is for parishes to display the poster in gathering spaces, parish centers, Catholic schools, parish offices, and other areas to promote the collection.

Posters are 17 x 22 inches with English text on one side, Spanish on the other.



Campaign samples shown feature 2022 graphics. Future campaigns will use different images and text.

Reminder: Every parish automatically receives two posters.

# **Additional Parish Shipments**

The items on this page are shipped to parishes in response to requests that RFR coordinators enter on the National Collections website. Unless updates are entered, parishes will automatically receive the same items and quantities from year to year.

#### **Bulletin Inserts**

Bulletin inserts are a central component of the RFR appeal, informing parishioners of the urgent need for their support of elder religious and featuring the campaign image. Inserts can be included with weekly bulletins or made available in parish gathering spaces.

Bulletin inserts are  $8.5 \times 11$  inches, include a response form, and display English text on one side and Spanish on the other.



As RFR coordinator, you may request copies of any of the printed items shown on pages 2-4.

# **Direct Response Envelopes**

These bilingual envelopes can be placed in the pews or gathering space on the weekend of the collection. They include a response form and are designed for parishioners to mail directly to the National Religious Retirement Office.



# **Collection Envelopes**

These bilingual envelopes can be placed in the pews or gathering space on the weekend of the collection for parishioners who either forgot their offertory envelopes or are not registered members of the parish. Donations made in collection envelopes are returned to the parish.



# **Campaign Materials for (Arch)diocesan Coordinators**

As coordinator, you may request copies of the materials available for parishes as well as the items shown below. These resources are provided at no charge but are only sent upon request.

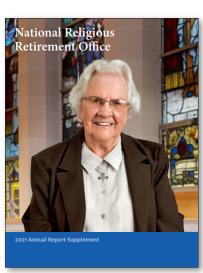
# **Annual Report**

The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) annual report provides a financial summary and an overview of how the RFR supports elder religious and their communities.



# **Annual Report Supplement**

The NRRO annual report supplement contains a state-by-state listing of all the religious communities in the United States that received financial assistance from the proceeds of the RFR collection. Also included is a list of (arch)diocesan coordinators.



#### **RFR Thank-You Cards**

Thank-you cards are 3.5 x 7.25 inches, feature a version of the current campaign image on the front, and are blank inside. Matching blank envelopes accompany the cards.





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# **Campaign Assistance**

RFR Campaign Director Ms. Robin Cabral robincabral@retiredreligious.org Phone (508) 685-8899

Please contact Robin with questions about requesting campaign materials or promoting the RFR collection.

#### **Websites**

To request shipments of RFR campaign materials, visit: national collections.org

To download RFR campaign and promotional materials, visit: retiredreligious.org

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