



## Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is next weekend, December 10 and 11. Nearly 25,000 elderly Religious Priests, Sisters, and Brothers have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry by educating youth, supporting the sick, helping the needy, etc. In their youth, these religious worked for little, or no pay, to keep the costs of Catholic education and medical care at a minimum. Because of this, no retirement savings or pension funds were set up to care for them in their senior years. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities.

Thanks to your past support, 271 religious communities received funding in 2022, with 24,924 religious past the age of 70 benefiting from this fund. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding elder care. The Diocese of Palm Beach is grateful for your spiritual and financial assistance toward these dedicated women and men of God as they live out the final chapter in their story of faith and service.

Thank you for all that you do for our retired religious women and men, for your prayers, your friendship, your love and your generosity.

With gratitude for your continued support and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
Bishop of Palm Beach