



## Special Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious Slated for December 9-10

Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Worth will have the opportunity to “give to those who have given a lifetime” as part of the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, to be held in parishes **Dec. 9-10**. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C., the annual appeal benefits 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose religious congregations lack adequate retirement funding.

Last year, the Diocese of Fort Worth contributed \$194,134.24 to the \$30 million collection. In 2017, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur received financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Women and men religious who serve or have served in the diocese but whose communities are based elsewhere may also benefit from the annual appeal.

For more information, please visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

**Parishes:** please use the resources mailed to you or available to

for download at <https://retiredreligious.org/materials/> to promote this collection. Suggested copy is as follows:

### ENGLISH

#### ***Parish Appeal/Pulpit Announcement***

**Please read from the pulpit or include with the weekly announcements.**

Many of us received our education and formation in the Catholic Faith through the ministry of religious sisters, and religious order priests and brothers. Their generosity has helped us to flourish in society. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give as a way to thank those sisters and priests and brothers who given a lifetime.

#### ***Bulletin Announcements***

##### **Week before the collection (December 2-3)**

**Help care for elders.** “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

##### **Week of the collection (December 9-10)**

**Help religious communities.** “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

##### **Week after the collection (December 16-17)**

**Religious give thanks.** A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order

priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

## SPANISH

### ***Anuncios desde el pulpito/Llamado a la parroquia***

#### **Tenga la bondad de leerlos desde el púlpito o de incluirlos con los anuncios semanales.**

Las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosas, de edad avanzada, necesitan su ayuda. Por muchos años, ellos sirvieron en escuelas, hospitales y parroquias católicas—con frecuencia con poco o ningún salario. Hoy no hay suficientes ahorros para su jubilación. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos proporciona los fondos para sus medicamentos, enfermeros y más. Les rogamos que done a los que donaron su vida.

### ***Anuncios para el boletín***

#### **Semana antes de la colecta (diciembre 2-3)**

**Ayuden a cuidar a los ancianos.** “Gracias al apoyo que da el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos hoy estamos en una mucho mejor posición para cuidar a nuestros ancianos”, escribe una hermana religiosa. Su donativo ayuda a su comunidad religiosa, y a cientos de otras, a proveer para sus miembros de edad avanzada y planificar para sus necesidades a largo plazo. Les rogamos que sean generosos la próxima semana en la colecta para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.

#### **Semana de la colecta (diciembre 9-10)**

**Ayuden a las comunidades religiosas.** “Su generosa contribución nos ayuda a cuidar a nuestras hermanas jubiladas y permite que nuestras hermanas más jóvenes continúen en un ministerio activo”, escribe una hermana religiosa. Su donativo a la colecta de hoy para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda a proporcionarles medicamentos, enfermeros y más a miles de hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas, de edad avanzada. ¡Esto ayuda también para asegurar que los miembros más jóvenes puedan continuar las buenas obras de sus mayores!

#### **Semana después de la colecta (diciembre 16-17)**

**Los religiosos les agradecen.** Una hermana religiosa escribe “Cuando vemos la respuesta generosa de tantos miles de personas que nos quieren ayudar, a religiosas y religiosos, nos quedamos sin palabras”. Las hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas, de edad avanzada, en todo el país, envían sus más sinceros agradecimientos y oraciones por sus donativos a la colecta de la semana pasada para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.

**Parish Business Managers:** The code for remitting these funds to the Diocesan finance office is **236750** and the deadline is January 11, 2018.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact [Renée Underwood](#), Associate Director of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-945-9441.