



DIocese OF FORT WORTH
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM, Executive Director of the National Religious Retirement Office, wrote me recently to express her thanks on behalf of 32,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests to thank you for your generosity in last December's collection for the ***Retirement Fund for Religious***. Sister Stephanie assured me of our presence in all their prayers.

I would like to add my voice to theirs to thank you for donating \$160,683 last year to this very important collection. Since the collection launched more than two decades ago the people of the Diocese of Fort Worth have contributed a total of \$3,740,929. Many of these funds are returned to religious in our own Diocese. In fact, last year alone, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur received \$41,733 from this collection.

Our participation in the ***Retirement Fund for Religious*** collection offers but a small token of our appreciation for the education, faith formation, healthcare, encouragement and witness to holiness that we have received in our lives from innumerable women and men religious. Thank you again for your mindfulness of their service and witness. I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Michael F. Olson

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