

Priest Care Fund Special Collection

January 8-9, 2022

“A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support”

The patron saint of priests, Saint John Vianney, once wrote “the priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” A priest’s love also extends to the Catholic faithful as they lead parishes, teach and preach the Gospel and offer the Sacraments.

As faithful Catholics we have an opportunity to return to them, in love, a sense of security in their retirement years by making a gift to the **Priest Care Fund**. One hundred percent of the

money donated to the **Priest Care Fund** special collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth to provide medical and long-term care over and above what is covered by our priests’ insurance and other resources.

Together, each year we are able to offset medical expenses for retired and infirm priests in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Please respond in love for their years of generous service by donating to the **Priest Care Fund**. There are several ways to contribute to this special collection. In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on January 8 and 9, donations can also be made through your parish online giving portal or <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive). Thank you for honoring our retired priests’ lifetime of service.

Please read the attached letter from Bishop Olson at all Masses the weekend before the collection (January 1-2).

General Information for Parish Business Managers

Collection Date	January 8-9, 2022
Date Funds Due to Diocese	January 31, 2022
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28015
Give Online	https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections (case sensitive)

Promotional Information (next page)

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PRIEST CARE FUND

SPECIAL COLLECTION
JANUARY 8-9

Your generosity provides medical and long-term care for our retired and infirm priests.

Please support this collection in your parish or online at bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections (case sensitive)

Promotional Information

Please use your bulletin, pulpit announcements, website and social media to promote this special collection. You may use the English and Spanish ads provided or use the following suggested promotional copy:

ENGLISH

The Weekend Before the Collection (January 1-2)

Next week, we will take up a collection for the *Priest Care Fund*. Your support of this collection pays for our priests' medical and long-term care expenses that are not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the *Priest Care Fund* on January 8-9 at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

The Weekend of the Collection (January 8-9)

Our special collection today is for the *Priest Care Fund*. One hundred percent of this collection remains in the Diocese of Fort Worth to pay for medical and long-term care expenses of retired priests not covered by insurance. "A Lifetime of Service Asks for a Moment of Support." Please give generously to the *Priest Care Fund* today at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

The Weekend After the Collection (January 15-16)

Thank you for your generous support of last week's collection for the *Priest Care Fund*. Your contributions provide medical and long-term care for those who care for us. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Priest Care Fund" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by January 30 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (case sensitive)

General Intercessions

For retired priests, that they may experience God's abundant love as they walk a new path of prayer and servanthood in retirement, we pray to the Lord...

For the clergy of our diocese—the infirm, elderly and retired priests, the parish priests, the deacons and our bishop—we pray to the Lord...

SPANISH

El Fin de Semana Antes de la Colecta (1-2 de enero)

La próxima semana, tomaremos una colecta para el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote. Su apoyo a esta colecta para nuestros sacerdotes paga por los gastos médicos y de largo plazo que no están cubiertos por el seguro. "Una Vida de Servicio Requiere un Momento de Apoyo." Por favor, aporte generosamente al Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote durante las misas del 8 y 9 de enero, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (distingue entre mayúsculas y minúsculas)

El Fin de Semana de la Colecta (8-9 de enero)

Nuestra colecta especial hoy es para el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote. El cien por ciento de esta colecta permanece en la Diócesis de Fort Worth para pagar los gastos médicos y de cuidado a largo plazo no cubiertos por el seguro. “Una Vida de Servicio Requiere un Momento de Apoyo.” Por favor, aporte generosamente al Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote durante las misas del 8 y 9 de enero, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (distingue entre mayúsculas y minúsculas)

El Fin de Semana Después de la Colecta (15-16 de enero)

Gracias por apoyar generosamente la colecta de la semana pasada para el Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote. Sus contribuciones proporcionan atención médica y de largo plazo para aquellos que cuidan de nosotros. Si te perdiste la colecta, no es demasiado tarde para dar! Simplemente anote “Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote” en su cheque o sobre y agréguelo a la colecta antes del 30 de enero o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections> (distingue entre mayúsculas y minúsculas)

Oraciones de los fieles

Para los sacerdotes jubilados, para que puedan experimentar el abundante amor de Dios mientras caminan por un nuevo camino de oración y servicio en la jubilación, roguemos al Señor ...

Por el clero de nuestra diócesis —los sacerdotes enfermos, ancianos y jubilados, los párrocos, los diáconos y nuestro obispo— roguemos al Señor ...

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact
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