Priest Care Fund Special Collection

August 3-4, 2019

“Care for Those Who Care for Us”

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*. The *Priest Care Fund* special collection provides funds for medical and long-term care over and above what is covered by our priests’ insurance and other resources.

In 2018, more than $214,000 was collected to offset medical expenses for clergy 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 Aug. 3-4, donations can also be made online at [https://bit.ly/PriestCare](https://bit.ly/PriestCare) or text PRIESTS to 91999. Thank you for caring for those who care for us.

General Information for Parishes:

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Please use your bulletin, pulpit announcements, website and social media to promote this special collection. Suggested promotion copy is as follows:

**ENGLISH**

**The Weekend Before the Collection (July 27-28)**

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. “Care for Those Who Care for Us” by generously contributing to the *Priest Care Fund* on August 3-4.
The Weekend of the Collection (August 3-4)
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 not covered by insurance. Please “Care for Those Who Care for Us” with your generous support to the Priest Care Fund.

The Weekend After the Collection (August 10-11)
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’s not too late to give! Simply note “Priest Care Fund” on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by August 25 or text PRIESTS to 91999.

SPANISH
El Fin de Semana Antes de la Colecta (27-28 de julio)
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. “Cuidemos a Los Que Nos Cuidan” contribuyendo generosamente al Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote el 3 y 4 de agosto.

El Fin de Semana de la Colecta (3-4 de agosto)
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. Por favor, “Cuidemos a los Que Nos Cuidan” contribuyendo generosamente al Fondo de Cuidado al Sacerdote.

El Fin de Semana Después de la Colecta (10-11 de agosto)
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 25 de agosto.