



DIocese of RALEIGH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection on the weekend of December 9-10, 2023, I encourage your continued support to assist the many that are hurting and need our assistance, including elderly religious.

Last year, the Diocese of Raleigh contributed \$163,567.72 to assist elderly religious women and men across the United States. Your generosity has enabled the NRRO (National Religious Retirement Office) to provide financial aid, consultative assistance and other resources to hundreds of religious communities.


Senior religious were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies throughout the United States, many of which continue to serve the people of our Diocese. Declining numbers and rising costs have left hundreds of religious communities without enough retirement savings to provide for a growing number of elder members. And the challenge to do so increases every year.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. If you are unable to give during Mass, please mail your offertory envelope to your parish or donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available. You can also send your contribution to:

National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington, DC 20017-1194
Please make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious

I ask that you please join me in praying for God's protection for all our elderly religious, and that you please support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection as you are able. Be assured that women and men religious across the country hold you and your loved ones in grateful prayer.

In Christ,



† Luis Rafael Zarama, I.C.L.
Bishop of Raleigh