

Pulpit Talking Points Retired Priests Collection

Overview of the Collection and Ways to Give:

- The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be held on Easter Sunday, April 5.
- This important collection is an opportunity for to honor the vibrant legacy of the priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us and who inspire our current and future priests.
- In addition to dropping an envelope in the collection basket, you can make your gift online. Details are in the bulletin and on the collection envelopes.

Reasons to Support the Collection [perhaps select one of two of these]:

- A gift to the Retired Priest Collection is a way to show gratitude for everything our retired priests have done to support us, our families, our parishes, and our communities. They have been there to celebrate the most joyous moments of our lives and to support us in the most trying times.
- Every priest will someday rely on your generosity to this collection. This is an opportunity to thank our priests for dedicating their lives to Christ and to our Catholic faith. This is an opportunity to give back to those who have spent their lives in service to our community.
- The cost of healthcare and retirement living continues to rise. Gifts to this collection directly support essential medical needs including physician services, hospitalization, necessary nursing home care, disability, vision and more.
- Although the retirement age for priests is typically 75-77, many retired priests continue to celebrate Mass, visit our sick and elderly, and continue many of their sacramental duties while in retirement. But they can only do so with our support.
- Your continued support helps provide active priests assurance that they will receive the care they deserve when their time comes to retire. Knowing that they will be cared for provides peace of mind so they can focus on serving our spiritual needs: teaching, counseling, administering the sacraments, and so much more.
- These priests continue to play a vital role in mentoring and inspiring younger and prospective priests on their path to ministry. They play a part in shaping a vibrant future for our archdiocese. Supporting them now helps to ensure the long-term prosperity of our Church.