



# Memo

**Date:** November 12, 2018

**To:** Pastors, Parish Administrators, Parish Secretaries and Bulletin Editors

**From:** Nancy Stoehr, Coordinator of Stewardship and Development, Office of Stewardship

**Re:** Second Collection for Retired Religious – December 8-9, 2018

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The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be December 8-9 in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, the appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta donated \$303,459.32 to the last collection. In 2018, Legion of Christ and the Monastery of the Holy Spirit received financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious, with both having central houses in our archdiocese. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious and their communities, with the remaining funds used for administration and promotion of the national appeal.

The 2017 collection raised just over \$28 million, and the NRRO disbursed \$25 million to 360 religious communities for the direct care of elderly members. Communities combine these funds with their own income and savings to help furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. Throughout the year, additional funding is allocated for congregations with critical needs, retirement planning and educational resources.

Your continued assistance is appreciated to make this year's collection a success.

Please use the following announcements and join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) to learn more.

## **Bulletin Announcements Anuncios para el boletín**

### **Second Collection for Retired Religious**

#### **December 1-2 - Week before the collection**

**Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.** A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection

#### **1-2 de diciembre – Semana antes de la colecta**

**Ayude al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.** Un donante escribe: “Su volante me llegó hasta el corazón – al ver a los religiosos jubilados, salieron a la luz tantos recuerdos”. ¿Recuerda a las hermanas, hermanos o sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas que impactaron su vida positivamente? Hoy, muchos son ancianos y necesitan ayuda. Sus congregaciones luchan para satisfacer las necesidades de su jubilación y continuar sirviendo al Pueblo de Dios. Haga su donativo a la segunda colecta de la próxima semana.

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#### **December 8-9 - Week of the collection**

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

#### **8-9 de diciembre – Semana de la colecta**

**Los religiosos ancianos necesitan su ayuda.** Hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosas de edad avanzada sirven durante muchos años con poco o ningún pago. Sus sacrificios ahora dejan a sus comunidades religiosas sin ahorros suficientes para su jubilación. Su donativo a la segunda colecta de hoy al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos proporciona fondos vitales para medicamentos, cuidados de enfermería y más, para cientos de miles de religiosos ancianos. Por favor sea generoso.

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#### **December 15-16 - Week after the collection**

**Religious give thanks.** “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity! Los religiosos les agradecen.

#### **15-16 de diciembre – Semana después de la colecta**

**Los religiosos expresan su gratitud.** “Este dinero es un don completo”, escribe una religiosa acerca de lo que el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos hace posible. “Nos

permite seguir cuidando a nuestras hermanas ancianas". Su donativo a la colecta de la semana pasada ayuda a cientos de comunidades religiosas a satisfacer las necesidades apremiantes de jubilación mientras que siguen sirviendo al Pueblo de Dios. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

## **Pulpit Announcement Anuncios desde el pulpito**

**Please read from the pulpit or include with the weekly announcements.**

Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for little to no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your support helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**Tenga la bondad de leerlos desde el púlpito o de incluirlos con los anuncios semanales.**

La segunda colecta de hoy es a favor del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Muchas hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas sirvieron durante muchos años con poco o ningún pago. Hoy día, las comunidades religiosas a menudo carecen de ahorros suficientes para cubrir las necesidades de su jubilación. Su donativo ayuda a proporcionar fondos vitales para medicamentos, cuidados de enfermería y más. Done a aquellos que dieron toda una vida.

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### **General Intercessions**

For elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, that they may enjoy the dignified care they so richly deserve as they continue to devote their lives to prayer and service. Let us pray to the Lord. R/.

### **Plegaria universal**

Por los hermanos, hermanas y sacerdotes ancianos de órdenes religiosas, para que disfruten de cuidados dignos en su vejez, mientras siguen dedicando su vida a la oración y al servicio. Roguemos al Señor. R/.

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Please see the following Power Point snapshots for your parish closed-circuit TV system. These slide can be found online at:

<https://archatl.com/offices/stewardship/second-collection/>





# Retirement Fund for Religious

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[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)







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