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National Retirement Fund for Religious - Second Collection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of December 8, 2024, the Second Sunday of Advent, our Archdiocese will take up the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This important campaign supports more than 24,000 elderly Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Priests who dedicated their lives to serving the Church. Many worked for years with little pay, leaving their communities with insufficient retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and daily living expenses have only added to their challenges.

For many of us, these faithful religious have shaped our lives through education in Catholic Schools, healthcare, and countless acts of service. Their devotion has been a gift to the Church and to our own faith journeys. Your contribution to this fund provides critical nursing care, medications, and other necessities for aging members while helping younger members continue their mission.

This Advent, let us express our gratitude by supporting these women and men who have served so selflessly. Please give generously and keep them in your prayers. Thank you for your kindness and compassion.

May the Lord bless you and your families for your love and generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.

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