



CHANCERY OFFICE  
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

November 19, 2021

Dear Father:

Each year near the beginning of December, an offering is requested for the support of retired sisters and brothers who staffed our schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals and agencies throughout the country.

This collection from our people, whether in the offertory basket, by mail or online will be taken on Sunday, December 12, including the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening. This is the third year that the combined proceeds of the collection will be distributed through the national office in Washington, DC rather than locally and independently. In this way, religious communities are better assisted to insure their quality care.

Kindly have the enclosed letter from His Eminence communicated to the faithful in a way you deem appropriate on the weekend of December 5 (print in your Sunday bulletin, post on the parish web page or church bulletin board, send to them via *FlockNote* or read at Mass). A Spanish translation is included.

Whenever you encourage your parishioners to support this effort, it goes a long way. Both *We Share* and your envelope companies have been notified of this collection. You might want to remind them again to register for online giving to maintain their offertory.

I am thankful for your prudent regard for all of these national collections. We would be pleased to receive your contribution by the end of December. Checks should be payable to the "Archdiocese of New York" and sent to the finance office at the chancery, room 1940. A supply of small transactional envelopes for use throughout the year was mailed to parishes during the month of June. Use one of these for each remittance.

With gratitude for the many ways in which you cooperate with the work of the archdiocese and serve the faithful of the Church in New York, I am,

Fraternally in the Lord,

  
Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. LaMorte, VG  
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

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December 5, 2021  
Season of Advent  
Year of St. Joseph

Dear friends in the Lord:

Recently, Pope Francis noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." As we approach the annual *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection -- an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests -- I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows. Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel.

In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Your gift, which will be collected on December 12 offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

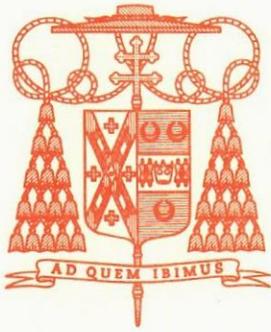
As I write to you today, and express my thanks for last year's contribution of \$223,217, I am also grateful to you for your support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* which, in addition to other worthy causes, provides assistance to our retired archdiocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale.

Pray with me for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured, they are praying for us. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes to all for a blessed Advent season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

  
† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



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5 de diciembre, 2021  
Temporada de Adviento  
Año de San José

Queridos amigos del Señor:

Recientemente, el Papa Francisco señaló que "no hay edad de jubilación para el trabajo de proclamar el Evangelio". A medida que nos acercamos a la colecta anual del *Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos*, les hago una petición generosa que beneficiara a unas 26,000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas católicas de edad avanzada, recuerden que los religiosos mayores nunca se retiran de sus votos. La oración y el ministerio de los religiosos mayores son un testimonio continuo del Evangelio.

En su juventud, ellos sentaron las bases en las escuelas católicas, programas de educación religiosa parroquial, hospitales y obras de misericordia. Hoy en día, muchos de ellos sirven en el ministerio como voluntarios. Otros son frágiles y necesitan ayuda. Sin embargo, todos permanecen comprometidos con sus vocaciones, aceptando las limitaciones del envejecimiento y aprovechando la oportunidad de pasar más tiempo orando por nuestra Iglesia y el mundo.

Sus donaciones que se recogerán el 12 de diciembre, ofrecerán apoyo a las comunidades religiosas y brindarán un cuidado adecuado a todos los miembros mayores y al mismo tiempo, garantizarán que los más jóvenes religiosos y religiosas puedan continuar con las buenas obras de sus mayores.

Mientras les escribo hoy y les expreso mi agradecimiento por la contribución del año pasado de \$ 223,217, también les quiero agradecer por su apoyo a la *Campaña Anual de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal* que además de otras causas dignas, brinda asistencia a nuestros sacerdotes arquidiocesanos jubilados en la Residencia del Clero St. John Vianney en Riverdale.

Oren conmigo para que Dios siga bendiciendo a todos nuestros religiosos y religiosas. Tengan la seguridad de que ellos también están orando por nosotros. Para obtener más información sobre la colección y a quién apoya, visite: <https://retiredreligious.org/>

Con gratitud, con mis mejores deseos de oración para todos y por una bendita temporada de Adviento, me suscribo,

Fieles en Cristo,

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† Timothy Michael Cardenal Dolan  
Arzobispo de Nueva York