



Diocesan Priests

Monsignor Robert L. Getz Endowment for Diocesan Priests

Monsignor Robert Getz is a diocesan treasure, a spiritual leader. He is a kind, beloved, intellectual, gentle spirited man of God. Monsignor does not understand the meaning of "retirement" or "no." He continues in active ministry to the diocese, especially to his brother priests.

Monsignor Getz started an endowment fund for the spiritual education (sabbatical) needs of the diocesan priests, specifically those located in the poor parishes and missions in southern New Mexico.

Monsignor has a deep love for his brother priests. Our Heavenly Father has drawn into his life this special bond. Monsignor says that he has many priest friends, many younger than he, who are an inspiration, a gift to him. He looks forward to the future with trust in the Father's love and with a peaceful spirit.

In the past, this endowment has provided tuition and airfare for six priests to fly to Villa Nova University for workshops, offered four scholarships for the poorest of the poor parish priests to attend a southwest liturgical conference.

Monsignor Getz knows first-hand the priestly formation challenge facing each priest. Monsignor believes an annual retreat is not enough, especially for today's priests in light of the complex demands and skills needed for parish leadership in the 21st century. Monsignor favors a holistic approach for diocesan priests.

Today's pastors are called to instill new life and energy into their parishes. It takes skill and know-how to develop the parish community, spirituality and sacramental life, while balancing all the other pastoral responsibilities. Today, the pastor oversees congregation-based parish and finance councils. Parishes are more complex and demand more of parish priests. Diocesan priests are faced with multiple parishes pastoring, the everyday demands of administration and pastoral care, plus increased demands placed upon the individuals pastoring God's people.

This endowment is available for leadership training, effective time management, strategic planning and development of parish life. Or, it could be used to provide the diocesan priests with liturgy and preaching excellence training. This endowment may be used by diocesan priests to find creative ways to prepare for their intergenerational, multi-cultural parish families. The endowment funds are available to fund diocesan priests who are beginning their first pastorate, moving to a new parish assignment, needing additional guidance or to take a much-needed sabbatical.

