



ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Eparchy of St. George in Canton



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Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On December 5, 2021, the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton will hold the Martyr Bishop's Collection in support of the Clergy Retirement Fund. We are provided this opportunity to remember all the clergy who brave the challenges of pastoral work.

Every year in December, the faithful of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton have been asked to support the Clergy Retirement Fund. After years of supporting the faithful of a parish or mission, each priest receives a small pension for his love and dedication to God's Church and His people. The Clergy Retirement Fund is comprised of this collection and interest from an account that is held for this purpose. Currently, there are five retired priests who receive a stipend for their years of service: Rev. George Gage, Very Rev. Aurel Pater, Right Rev. Gregory Duma, Rev. Michael Kirila and Rev. Gheorghe Opris. Keep them in your prayers as they enjoy their much-deserved retirement.

At Divine Liturgy on December 5, 2021, we are called to remember our Romanian Martyr Bishops and the other faithful who suffered during the communist regime in a special way with a special collection and another fundraising event. The zeal of the Martyr Bishops and faithful who stood up for their faith has been a blessing to the whole Church. We use their example here and now to love more deeply as Christ taught us.

This year, we will introduce one of the martyr bishops: Most Reverend Tit Liviu Chinezu (born on June 22, 1904 in Maioresti, Mures, Romania), was consecrated the auxiliary bishop of Fagaras and Alba Iulia in 1949. He was initially arrested in October 1948 and sent to Sighet Prison in Maramures County. He died at the same prison on January 15, 1955 of hypothermia.

We are grateful for the clergy of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians and the sacrifices they have made to share the Good News of Jesus. Please show your gratitude with your donation on December 5, 2021. May God bless your lives with every good thing for your generosity to those who have faithfully served the faithful!

Sincerely in Christ our Savior,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians

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