



2021 Annual Collection for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund
Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

Sample Intercessions

1. In gratitude for the faith filled work and contributions of our retired priests, who continue to devote their time and talents to the service of God's people without counting the cost. We pray to the Lord.
2. For the sustained strength, good health, and well-being of all our senior priests. May their spiritual gifts encourage them to provide many more years of joyful ministry among us. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those retired priests now slowed by illness and infirmity. That they will realize the witness of their ministry is more compelling than ever before. We pray to the Lord.
4. For the success of this year's Senior Priest Retirement Fund Appeal, that is so vital to the Church's mission here in the Diocese of Providence. May we all be moved to give -- in return for what we have received from our retired priests during their decades of selfless ministry. We pray to the Lord.
5. Through the inspiration and of the ministry and example of our retired priests, may many young men answer Christ's call to service in our church as a priest. We pray to the Lord.



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Sample Bulletin Announcements

Sample Bulletin Announcement #1:

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. At Masses on September 18 and 19, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit <http://www.srpriestri.com>. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

Sample Bulletin Announcement #2:

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. A collection during the weekend of September 18 and 19 will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.com.

Sample Bulletin Announcement #3:

A collection during the weekend of September 18 and 19 supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.com to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years – years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.