

Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension

Our priests devote their lives to bringing people closer to Christ, and in retirement, our priests continue to serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, ministers to the sick and much more. With gratitude for their years of faithful ministry, the Diocese has a Priests' Pension to support our 57 currently retired priests and those that will retire in the future.

Monsignor Dzielak has served our Diocese for more than 54 years and continues assisting pastors in celebrating the sacraments in parishes during his retirement. We thank you, Monsignor Dzielak, and all our priests for your continued faithful service in retirement.

Last year, the faithful of our Diocese contributed \$172,982.

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Rev. Msgr. Thomas L. Dzielak

2018
COMBINED COLLECTION
FOR THE
UNIVERSAL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 20-21, 2018

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A Message from Bishop Malloy

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the weekend of January 20th and 21st, throughout the Diocese of Rockford and our nation, Catholics will be asked to contribute to the National Collection. That is, we are asked to prayerfully contribute to the work of the Catholic Church in particular efforts to spread the faith here in the United States.

For example, by means of this collection, we are able to strengthen and ensure the continuing good work of institutions like the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours.

The National Collection also benefits the Catholic Communications Campaign, reaching out to publicize the teachings of Pope Francis and the Church in a world dominated by modern communications. Contributions also assist the retirement of Religious Men and Women who have long served the Church with their lives of prayer and service.

Here in the Diocese of Rockford, the collection is also an opportunity to contribute to the pension funds supporting the retirement of the priests that have served in our parishes and touched our families with their faithful sacrifice. Additionally, the National Collection gives an opportunity to support our underprivileged schools that continue to provide a quality education, as well as religious and moral formation.

As part of our participation in the life of the Church and the Diocese of Rockford, this annual collection is an important means of supporting our Catholic contributions to faith and society. Please offer generously what you can for the annual National Appeal collection on the weekend of January 20th and 21st to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Malloy

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

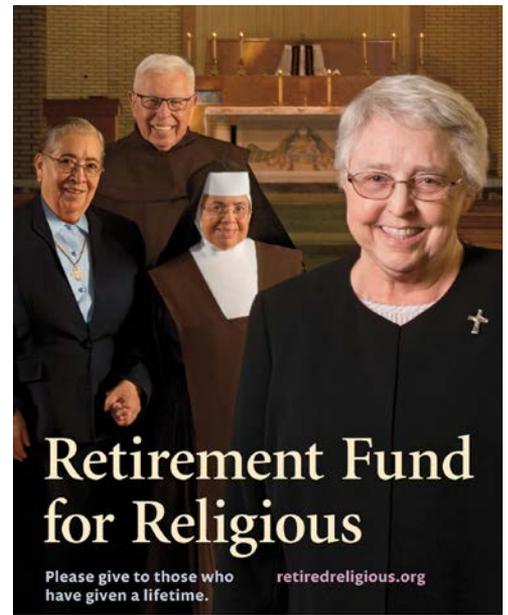


Most Reverend David J. Malloy

Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)

Traditionally, women and men religious worked for small stipends that furnished only the basics of daily living. As a result, a majority of religious communities now lack adequate savings for retirement. At the same time, the cost of care continues to increase, especially as older religious both outnumber younger religious and are living longer. In 1988, Catholic Bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders. With your help, the Diocese distributed \$172,748.

For more information, visit: www.retiredreligious.org



Catholic University of America (CUA)

Catholic University of America (CUA) is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Located in Washington, D.C., CUA offers nearly 6,000 students per year an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. With your help, the Diocese distributed \$7,950.

For more information visit: www.cua.edu

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community-based groups who create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the Diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. With your help, the Diocese distributed \$24,620.

For more information visit:
www.usccb.org/cchd

Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

Through internet, television, radio or newspapers, the Catholic Church uses all technologies, old and new, to spread the Gospel message. The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) supports Catholic media projects in our Diocese and all over the United States. With your help, the Diocese distributed \$75,681.

For more information, visit: www.usccb.org



Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

To ensure that we maintain the opportunity for parents to enroll their children in the excellent Catholic elementary schools within our Diocese, we have created a special way for you to assist the Diocese of Rockford in supporting schools that have operating deficits and need your help to become financially viable. Your support through prayer and donations will help our underprivileged schools continue to provide a quality education, and religious and moral formation in a world badly in need of Gospel values.

Thanks to your generous gifts, we gave \$127,435 to needy schools in our Diocese this year!

For more information or to donate visit:
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