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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On December 9 and 10, 2023, the Second Sunday of Advent, our Archdiocese will take up the annual national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. The Catholic Bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the profound shortage in retirement funding among communities of women and men religious.

Most senior members of religious communities have ministered for years on small stipends, leaving their congregations with insufficient retirement savings. Rising health care costs compound the struggle they now face. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

For many of us, the nuns and brothers have left a lasting impression on us in Catholic education and other apostolates. Please join in thanking these religious sisters, brothers, and priests who worked tirelessly to educate us and serve those in need.

Know that 95% of your donation goes directly to our senior religious. Thank you for helping our retired religious who have served the Church so faithfully.

May the Lord bless you and your families for your love and generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.

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