Dignitatis Humanae

Office of the Bishop

To: Pastors in the Diocese of San Diego

Fr: Bishop Robert W. McElroy

Re: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Date: November 4, 2019

The annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place the weekend of December 7-8. Once again, I urge you to give it your prayerful and vocal support.

Materials from the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) to promote the collection are sent to the parishes in mid-November. All materials are available in both Spanish and English. Watch for them! These bulletin inserts, general intercessions, homily suggestions, posters etc. are useful in conducting a successful collection. If you are in need of additional materials, please contact the National Office at 202-541-3215 or retirement@usccb.org   (https://retiredreligious.org/).

If you have questions or if you want a Woman Religious to speak at your Masses, please contact Sr. Kathy Warren, OSF at 858-490-8289 or kwarren@sdcatholic.org. As you were informed earlier, you must have your request for a Sister Speaker in to Sr. Kathleen by **November 15**. Parishes that have a Religious speak on this week-end find a very substantial increase in the donations. Could this be the year you invite a Sister to speak again?

In 2018, the Diocese of San Diego contributed $335,463.26 to this collection. It is obvious that our parishioners value the work and lives of the religious who have served us well in the past and continue to do so today. Please continue to pray for religious priests, brothers and sisters. Once again, thank you for your support which is vital to the success of this appeal.

Attached to this memo is the **Collection Response Form** that should be completed and returned with your contribution to the Office for Women Religious by **January 31, 2020.** You are also receiving a Fact Sheet and suggested Bulletin and Pulpit announcements in both English and Spanish.

Thank you to you and your parishioners for your ongoing support of the Retirement Fund for Religious.