



Office of the Bishop

**To:** Pastors in the Diocese of San Diego  
**Fr:** Bishop Robert W. McElroy *R*  
**Re:** Retirement Fund for Religious Collection  
**Date:** November 12, 2018

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The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will take place the weekend of December 8-9, and 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. Watch for them! These bulletin inserts, general intercessions, homily suggestions, posters etc. are useful in conducting a successful collection.

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@sdatholic.org](mailto:kwarren@sdatholic.org). If you are in need of additional materials, contact the National Office at 202-541-3215 or [retirement@usccb.org](mailto:retirement@usccb.org) (<https://retiredreligious.org/>).

In 2017, the Diocese of San Diego contributed \$332,812.88 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, 2019**.