



"You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Hebrew 7:17

Caring for Retired Priests | \$7 million*



Did you know?

Currently, there are twenty-two retired priests in the Diocese. Over the next five years, we expect as many as sixteen priests to retire. The Priest Retirement Fund simply cannot sustain that number without additional investment.

The *Called and Sent* campaign will support the care for retired priests by funding the Priest Retirement Fund, ensuring that these resolute servants of the Church can retire with financial security and dignity. The fund was established to provide benefits for retired priests who are no longer able to continue their active ministry, although most priests never really retire from pastoral ministry. The days of most of our retired priests are quite full with celebrations of Masses, confessions, retreats, visiting the sick and helping where needed.

As the number of retired priests continues to grow, there is a pressing need to provide for their well-being and support them in their later years. The fund helps to bridge the gap in retirement savings for retired priests who served with modest stipends and are now facing rising costs and eldercare. By contributing to the Priest Retirement Fund, the campaign aims to honor the lifelong commitment and service of these priests and ensure that they can live their retirement years with the care and support they deserve.

**Once we meet the goal of raising \$7 million for the Priest Retirement Fund, any additional funds raised may be used to provide ongoing education and training for priests.*