



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of July 18-19, the diocese will take up a second collection to assist with the care of retired and infirm priests in South Carolina. Our pastors have given their lives in service to our local parish communities. Now, they rely on our assistance and care to have their medical and financial needs met so that they can enjoy a dignified retirement.

Many of our priests require medical treatment, housing costs and everyday expenses that may be difficult to cover on their own. Every donation to this important fund will be used directly to serve these faithful servants of God. Your generosity will make a tremendous impact on the lives of our priests who have dedicated themselves to serving the Church in our state.

As they have acted as the central catechists of our parish communities and the custodians of the sacraments throughout their ministry, “Let us show Christ honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another” (St. Andrew of Crete). I ask that you please continue to keep our retired shepherds in your prayers, which provide great comfort and strength to our infirm priests.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness to our clergy. May God bless you abundantly for your compassion to those who have given so much for us.

In Christ’s love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston