



## PLEASE SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAGINAW PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

When priests retire, they don't just stop ministering. Their vocations to serve God's people does not "end." They continue to serve in a variety of ways.

Some are sacramental ministers for parishes that do not have full-time priests. Others step in when an "active priest" is ill or away. They often continue presiding at Masses, celebrating sacraments, teaching, offering counsel and faithfully supporting parishioners well into their retirement years.

But, despite their continuing service, unlike most retired people, retired priests no longer receive a portion of their previous salary or benefits. When they answered the call from Christ to become priests, they also placed their faith in God that He would provide for them in their later years.

The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund provides pensions to our priests after they retire from full-time ministry. This special collection builds funds for priests who are currently retired and for those who will retire in the future.

Your gift to the Priests' Retirement Fund is your way to support those who have served, and continue to serve, you and your parish family.

### DIOCESE OF SAGINAW - A QUICK LOOK

#### 80 priests total

**13** of the 80 are order priests or extern priests living and serving in the Diocese of Saginaw

**11 senior priests** are still active in day-to-day active ministry

**38 priests** currently have senior status

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On any given weekend in the Diocese of Saginaw there are **143 Sunday Masses\*** celebrated

During any week, there are **159 Weekday Masses\*** celebrated

*\*This does not include funerals, Holy Week, other special liturgies, adoration, etc.*

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Your gift goes directly to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's priests' pension plan, where it is invested and held in a trust account, which is administered by the Michigan Catholic Conference.

The pension plan provides for the monthly pension and medical benefits of our currently retired priests and helps fund the future retirement of our active priests.



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## SUPPORTING OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Priest Retirement Board, I want to thank you for your generous support of our annual Father's Day Collection. Your generosity has made it possible to insure the health of our pension plan.

The pension plan provides for the financial needs of our senior priests. Many of these priests still provide regular ministry in our Diocese. Without their dedication, it would be next to impossible to cover the needs of our parishes.

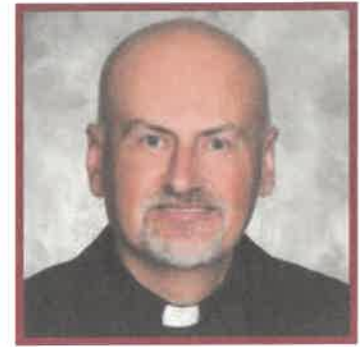
I ask you to once again be generous. Those of us on the board are dedicated to these men, and to being good stewards of the plan.

I thank you in advance for your help.

Blessings and Peace,

*Fr. Rob Howe*

President, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund



**You may include the form below in the special envelope in your envelope packet and put it in your parish collection or submit in a separate envelope and mail to your parish.**

— OR —

**You can give online at [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement)**

**You can also access information about matching gifts, stock transfer gifts and qualified charitable distribution gifts on the website: [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement)**

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Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw Priests' Retirement Fund.

Amount of my gift: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will give online at [www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement](http://www.saginaw.org/priestsretirement)
- Cash or check. (Make check payable to your parish.)
- Credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express)



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**Thank you for your generosity. Your support is important to retired priests now and in the future.**