

# THEY SACRIFICED

to open our path to the fullness of faith.

## CAN YOU GIVE BACK

to those who left behind all that they had  
to bring us into the one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic church?



Please support the  
**RETIREMENT FUND FOR PRIESTS**

Second Collection at all Ordinariate Parishes & Parochial Communities, Dec. 1 & 2, 2018

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“No duty is more urgent than that of RETURNING THANKS.”

– Saint Ambrose



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As the Ordinariate escalates in growth, it has the urgent task to help its pioneering Catholic priests prepare to live their retirement years in dignity, free of anxiety about their means of support.

### HOW WILL THE ORDINARIATE USE MY GIFT TO THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR PRIESTS?

Bishop Steven J. Lopes has made it a priority to provide financial stability and future security for our priests in active ministry. To accomplish this task, he established the Ordinariate's Retirement Fund for Priests in 2016.

Charitable gifts to this annual collection will go towards the pension plan for Ordinariate clergy who participate in the pension.

Through the wise investment of this fund, the bishop hopes to provide for the care of his priests by offering clergy, on their 70th birthday and with 10 years of vestment in the pension, a modest monthly payment to assist with basic living expenses in retirement.

### WILL MY CONTRIBUTION GO DIRECTLY TO MY PASTOR, PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR, OR PAROCHIAL VICAR?

**No.** All gifts contributed to the Retirement Fund for Priests will be collected and jointly invested in the Ordinariate's pension plan. This annual second collection serves as an opportunity for Ordinariate parishioners and supporters to participate in the long-term care of all our priests.

### WHEN DO ORDINARIATE PRIESTS RETIRE?

Ordinariate priests may conclude their pastoral ministries at age 70, after consulting the bishop at

the beginning of the calendar year in which they celebrate their 70th birthday. Priests who wish to continue ministerial service beyond their 70th birthday may request to the bishop a continuation of active priestly ministry; they will draw their pension after their formal retirement from ministry. Priests younger than 70 may request retirement in the event of health problems or disabilities requiring retirement.

Even in their retirement, priests carry out priestly functions according to their capacity and desires. They are, however, released from the obligations of an assignment at age 70.

### WHAT RETIREMENT BENEFITS WILL SENIOR PRIESTS RECEIVE THROUGH THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR PRIESTS?

At age 70 and with 10 years of vestment in the pension, an Ordinariate priest will receive a retirement package that includes a monthly cash distribution. (The monthly payment will be dependent on an individual's previous contributions/credited years of service prior to retirement.)

Priests may use this pension for basic living expenses, including food, housing, transportation and, if needed, health insurance payments or supplemental coverage for medical costs not paid by basic Medicare coverage.

### HOW WILL THE ORDINARIATE TAKE UP THIS COLLECTION IN 2018?

Your local Ordinariate parish or parochial community will host a special collection the weekend of Dec. 1 and 2, 2018.

#### **IN THE UNITED STATES**

- In the U.S., envelopes from the Ordinariate will be provided in the pews the weekend before the collection, as well as the weekend of Dec. 1 and 2. Parishes and parochial communities in the U.S. may collect gifts and forward them to P.O. Box 4301, Houston, TX 77210, or supporters in the U.S. may mail their gifts directly to the appeal using the provided envelopes. Checks in the U.S. should be made payable to "Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter."

#### **IN CANADA**

- The Deanery in Canada will collect gifts for the appeal in Canada. **GIFTS TO THE APPEAL IN CANADA SHOULD NOT BE MAILED TO THE CHANCERY. Please consult your local Ordinariate priest** for directions on sending your gift to the Canadian Deanery.

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