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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Retirement Fund for Religious was established in 1988 to help religious communities provide for senior members' current and future retirement and healthcare needs. Ninety-five percent of the proceeds are distributed to support the direct care of our aging sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. In 2023 parishioners from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis contributed approximately \$236,154.00 to the collection. Because of your generosity and that of donors from across the United States, the Benedictine Monks of St. Meinrad, the Conventual Franciscan Friars of Mount St. Francis, the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg received a combined total of over \$2,018,664.00 in financial support.

The annual collection for 2025 will take place in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, December 13 - 14, 2025. The escalating costs of prescriptions and healthcare make this collection an important source of funding for religious communities. Out of gratitude for their lives of dedication and service, I urge you to be as generous as you can to ensure the care of our sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The benefits of your generosity cannot be overstated. In this season of gratitude I offer prayers for you and your families, as well as for the blessings the Church enjoys from the hands of men and women religious.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Charles C. Thompson

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