

Care for our aging priests

Our diocesan priests have joined us in marital union before God, they have baptized our babies and buried our loved ones. They have lovingly heard our confessions, they have counseled us and, with help from the Holy Spirit, absolved our sins. They have visited and prayed with us when we were sick; they have anointed us. They are the agents through whom bread and wine become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. They support us during our hardships and celebrate with us on joyful occasions. They make sacrifices for our good.

Now, they need our sacrifice and care as they age and encounter medical needs. Currently we have more than 30 priests who are retired, 14 who are at or above retirement age, and another 16 who will reach retirement age in the next five years. We cover the cost for assisted living and full-time nursing care, allowing our devoted priests to age with dignity and support. Care for our growing population of retired priests is and will remain a top priority for many years to come.