

Providing for our Priests

This weekend we take up a very important collection for the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw. The collection is for the Priests Retirement Fund. The following briefly explains why it is so important. Please prayerfully consider donating to this Fund.

- Typically, a priest spends 40 years in active ministry serving the needs of the people...
- After retiring, there are many priests who continue to serve as sacramental ministers (like Father Fred) or assist when priests are ill or away.
- However, upon retirement, priests no longer have a parish to provide them with housing and food. That is significant.
- The Priests Retirement Fund is necessary because it provides income for priests so that they may address their own needs.
- Currently, we have 50 priests retired and receiving distributions from the Priests Retirement Fund.
- By 2020, 10 additional priests will be eligible to retire.
- As of June 2016, the Priests Retirement Fund held only 58% of what is estimated to be needed to provide priests with retirement funds.
- The Retirement Fun receives income from three sources: parishes, investments, and gifts.
- Your support and donation to the Priests Retirement Fund is crucial. This fund specifically supports our priests—the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw.
- Your support is a loving and caring way to express your gratitude to the priests who dedicate their lives to serving your family and our faith community.

Please carefully consider support of Fr. Fred and his brother diocesan priests this Sunday, next Sunday, or at any time in the future.