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Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

During this Lenten season, we seek to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and sacrifice, and it is in that light that I write to you today.

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be taking place on Easter Sunday. This collection serves to provide support and care for the priests who have sacrificed so much for our parishes and communities. The Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is an opportunity to give back to those who give so much.

Through spiritual milestones and decades of service, our priests are there when you, your family and your fellow parishioners count on them. But in retirement, it will be the priests who count on you for prayers and support so that they can continue to serve in the name of God. Your individual contributions help meet the needs of our priests during this period of aging and disability. For the continued prosperity of our parishes and our archdiocese, it is essential that we support our priests and provide them with the peace of mind that they will be cared for in retirement. With our support, they can continue to give the entirety of their effort towards serving you, your loved ones, and your faith.

Please help to ensure that this care is available for retired priests now and in the future by contributing to the Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests on Easter Sunday. You can also contribute online by visiting Archstl.org/RetiredPriests. The Archdiocese and our priests are so deeply grateful for your support.

Please know that I and our retired priests are praying for you and your families during this Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis