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April 13, 2014

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The annual Easter collection for Regina Cleri will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014. Financial support for Regina Cleri primarily comes from this annual Easter collection and the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Under the guidance of Cardinal Joseph Ritter, Regina Cleri opened as a home for retired archdiocesan priests in 1959. Cardinal Ritter was considered ahead of his time for opening Regina Cleri. Regina Cleri offers our priests the opportunity to retire from service and continue to live in an active faith community.

Although retired, many of the priests continue to assist in parishes, our archdiocesan schools, organizations, nursing homes, and hospitals - celebrating Mass, assisting with Reconciliation, visiting the sick.

I want to ask you for your generous support of the retired priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. These priests have served our archdiocese well and deserve both our prayers and financial support. It is a source of great comfort that the Archdiocese of St. Louis is able to provide excellent and proper care for our priests at Regina Cleri.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis