

## BULLETIN INSERTS



### **Bulletin Insert #1**

#### **For weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Diocese of Marquette is blessed with many senior (retired) priests (those who are no longer assigned to a parish). These men make present Christ, the Good Shepherd, and continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are grateful.

As is the case with many pension plans in today's world, our priests' retirement program is not fully funded. On Good Shepherd Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, our Diocese will take up a special collection to support our priests' retirement and help remedy the shortfall in the St. Joseph Association. I hope you will consider using the envelope provided in your packets.

### **Bulletin Insert #2**

#### **For weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Retired priests of the Diocese of Marquette receive health and automobile insurance and a monthly pension from the St. Joseph Association, the diocesan priest retirement fund. Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement, and they use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. Parish assessments, plus growth in the St. Joseph Association, have fallen short of what is needed to provide necessary benefits to our retired priests.

All parishes and missions in the Diocese of Marquette will participate in a special collection on May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> to help "bridge the gap." It is essential that we ensure adequate retirement and health coverage in the years ahead for our priests. Please return your collection envelope during next weekends' Masses.

### **Bulletin Insert #3**

#### **For collection weekend – May 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Marquette are holding a Good Shepherd Sunday special collection to support our priests' retirement fund, called the St. Joseph Association. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Marquette and is completely separate from the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support our own priests' retirement and return your envelope in the collection or drop it off at the parish.

### **Bulletin Insert #4**

#### **Two weeks following collection weekend – May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

On Good Shepherd Sunday, our parish and all parishes and missions throughout our diocese took up a special collection to support our priests' retirement fund, known as the St. Joseph Association. Collectively, our parishioners have raised \$ AMOUNT to date. We truly appreciate your support. If you were unable to use your envelope last weekend, you may still support our retired priests by returning your envelope in today's collection or by dropping it off at the parish office.