

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Use these announcements if only one collection is taken by the parish on Christmas Day.

For parish bulletins on the weekend of 17 December 2011:

The Diocese of Ogdensburg's Retirement Plan for Priests has long been supported in part by parish contribution of 60% of its annual Christmas Collection to the Plan. Recent actuarial projections indicate this level of support will fall short of keeping the Plan fully funded in the future, primarily due to the impact on the Plan of negative investment performance in 2008-09. Beginning this year, parishes will contribute 100% of their Christmas Collection to the diocese for support of the Plan. Parishes will no longer contribute \$500 per priest as in the past. Currently 32 retired priests, and 13 active priests age 70 and older, are expected to receive pension benefits of \$735,000 in 2011-12. Your generous contribution not only supports current retirees but will also help provide for the retirement needs of priests who will retire in the future. Say *thank you* to your pastor and all priests of the diocese through a generous contribution to our Christmas Collection.

For parishes served by religious priests:

Our parish's annual Christmas Collection will be contributed to the *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart* to provide for the needs of our retired priests and others who will retire from active ministry in the future. Please be generous to the Christmas Collection and show your appreciation to your priests through your gift. Thank you so much!

For parish bulletins on the weekend of 7 January 2012:

Thank you for your generous gift in our Christmas collection. Like every North Country parish we forward 100% of the collection to the diocese to fund pensions for retired priests. Pension needs for the future as well as obligations for the next year are being met thanks to your generous donation.

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