PRAYER FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Lord Jesus, High Priest, we pray for the retired priests of our Diocese of San José who still have a very important mission in the Church, the mission of prayer and intercession.

We pray with gratitude for their love and concern for us and for one another, ever mindful of their unity in You. We ask You to bless them for the countless years of service they have provided and continue to provide to Your people throughout the Diocese of San José, that they may experience peace and joy in their retirement, continuing to hold close the love of Your Sacred Heart. Amen.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us!

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Throughout the Diocese of San José, priests serve as good shepherds to their flocks (the faithful of Santa Clara County). There are 44 retired priests in the Diocese and 99 others currently serving our parishes and other diocesan assignments. In addition, the Diocese has 45 priests reaching retirement age, 70 years old, in the next 15 years and 15 in just the next five years.

As one diocesan family, let us pray for God’s protection for all our elderly priests.
Our retired priests rely on their minimal Social Security, since they were paid a very modest wage, and the Priests Retirement Plan payments for their living expenses and end-of-life needs. Like the general population, priests are living longer, more active lives, placing a greater demand on retirement resources. This has increased the challenge to provide adequate care to our retired priests.

Your gift to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Appeal provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more to these priests who have been good shepherds and have kept their promises to the faithful of the Diocese.

In these difficult days, you may feel as though your generosity has been exhausted. We ask two things. First, please pray for God’s protection for all our elderly priests. Second, please support the Diocesan Priests Retirement Appeal as you are able—and know that priests across the Diocese hold you and your loved ones in grateful prayer.

**Bishop Oscar Cantú**

Jesus said, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” And that is exactly what our priest do for us. They bless us with their services and love, and you can make a gift to help support them in retirement. Thank you for your generosity!

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