

# Prayer for Our Retired Priests

*As one diocesan family, let us pray  
for God's protection for all our  
elderly 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!*

## FOR THE *Faithfulness* OF OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Throughout the Diocese of San José, priests  
serve as good shepherds to their flocks  
(the faithful of Santa Clara County).  
There are **45 retired priests** in the Diocese and  
**92 others** currently serving in our parishes and  
in other diocesan assignments. In addition, the  
Diocese has **38 priests reaching retirement  
age** (70 years old) in the next 12 years and **8** in  
just the next three years.

Your generosity to this appeal help keeps an  
important promise of care to these priests who  
have been good shepherds and have kept their  
promises to the faithful of the Diocese.

*It is time to support those who served us!*

Please consider a  
generous gift to  
the *Diocesan Priests  
Retirement Fund*



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# The DIOCESAN PRIESTS *Retirement Fund*



## SUPPORT FOR THE PRIESTS WHO SERVED US FAITHFULLY





Our retired priests rely on their minimal Social Security, since they were paid a very modest wage, and the Priests' retirement plan pays 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 Fund* 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 all our elderly priests. Second, please support the *Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund* as you are able—and know that priests across the Diocese hold you and your loved ones in grateful prayer.

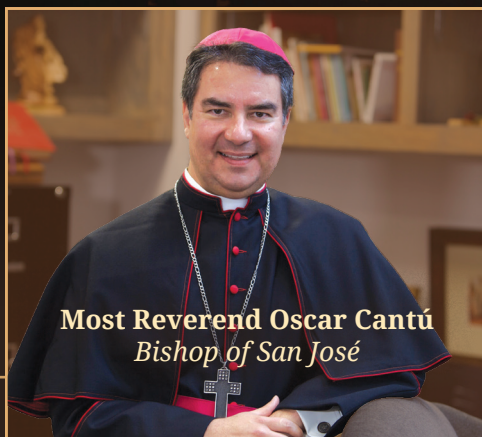
Priests devote their lives to God's people and bring Christ to them through the Sacraments. Even in retirement, they serve the faithful by celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, anointing the sick, and offering their prayers.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our retired priests in thanksgiving for all they have done for us.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## *Suggested Gifts*

Partner	\$1,000
Grand Benefactor	\$500
Benefactor	\$250
Steward	\$100
Friend	\$50



**Most Reverend Oscar Cantú**  
Bishop of San José



*“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.”*

*John 15:13*