



Archdiocese of Baltimore
Office of Pastoral Services
for Retired Priests

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you well and filled with the Holy Spirit. For many years, I have been blessed to serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, first as a Xaverian Brother and later as a diocesan priest. It has been a journey marked by deep faith, joyful service, and countless moments of grace.



Retiring from my role as pastor of St. Joan of Arc in Aberdeen has given me the opportunity to reflect on the immense privilege it has been to administer the sacraments, offer spiritual guidance, and share in the lives of parishioners like you. The call to priesthood has been a profound blessing, and I am grateful for the friendships and support I have received at St. Joseph, Fullerton; St. Isaac Jogues; Our Lady of Victory; St. John the Evangelist, Hydes; Our Lady of Hope; and St. Joan of Arc parishes.

Retirement brings a new chapter, one where I look forward to continuing to serve where needed, enjoying a round of golf, and perhaps some travel. Yet, retirement also comes with its challenges, particularly in ensuring that retired priests like myself are supported and cared for in their later years.

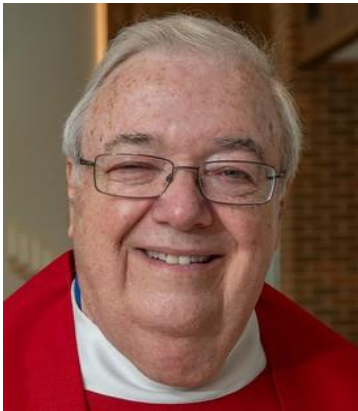
Your generosity has always been a cornerstone of our community's strength. Today, I humbly ask for your support for the Retired Priests Fund. Your contribution will directly aid retired priests who have dedicated

their lives to God's service. Whether it's providing for assistance with daily needs, necessities not covered by Medicare, or simply a sense of security in their elder years, your gift will make a meaningful difference.

During my time as pastor, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of your kindness and compassion. Your support has enabled us to build a vibrant archdiocesan community and undertake important projects. Now, I ask you to extend that kindness to our retired priests, who continue to pray for you and all the faithful.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and may our prayers unite us in faith and love. Together, we can ensure that all our priests, past and present, experience the peace and dignity they deserve in their retirement.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,



Fr. William Franken

Father Willie Franken

Your gift will be allocated only as you intend and never to cover legal costs incurred by the Archdiocese of Baltimore for any reason. Every gift, large and small, is a blessing for our Church and those we serve.