

## A message from the Archbishop

My dear sisters and brothers

The Priests Retirement Foundation is an important new initiative to meet the growing need for provision of support for the sick and retired priests of our Archdiocese.

When priests retire many continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of those around them. Aside from continuing to celebrate Mass, the Eucharist and other liturgical services and visit the sick at home and in hospital, they are an ongoing source of wisdom and support to those they encounter throughout their daily activities.

After a lifetime of sacrifice and service, no priest should face retirement with financial uncertainty.

The Foundation's role is to provide complete care to retired clergy within the

Archdiocese of Adelaide including accommodation, health care and medical costs.

Your tax-deductible donation will be instrumental in helping us to build a strong foundation for caring for our priests.

Thank you for considering being part of this most worthy endeavour.

**+Patrick O'Regan**  
Archbishop of  
Adelaide



## Testimonials

**Members of the Adelaide Catholic community reflect on the impact of priests on their lives:**

*I have been blessed with the presence of religious leaders, especially priests, throughout my journey as a young Catholic. Over shared meals, pilgrimages and conversations, I have encountered humbling and faithful disciples of Jesus. Many of them advocate for the young people of the Church. They empower young people to be the Church of today and dedicate their lives to the world that God desires.* **Jean-Marie Nguyen**

*Fr Anthony has been a friend of our family for 50 years. From his time as chaplain at Sacred Heart College to today, he has celebrated numerous weddings, baptisms and other special moments with our large and extended family. He has also been a great comfort to us all in moments of loss and sadness both as a priest and a friend.*

**Jim Whiting**

*I had the privilege of helping Fr James prepare his eulogy a few months prior to his death. It was a deeply moving experience as he reminisced through his many years of dedication to parish life, often remarking 'it's been a good life, I was always very well looked after'. During my work in the diocese and subsequent opportunities to mix with priests, particularly in their retirement years, this sense of gratitude for the care and support they had received from parishioners is not an uncommon remark. For each of us, being remembered in a positive way, having made a difference for good, means a lot.*

**Madge Maguire**

## Support our retired clergy

There is a rapidly increasing need for support for our sick and retired priests.

The Adelaide Archdiocese established the Priests Retirement Foundation to ensure all priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement.

Most of our Archdiocesan priests work long after retirement, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people – often to the detriment of their own personal wellbeing.

## Ways you can help

- ⇒ You can make a tax-deductible donation online – please visit [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au), or scan QR code below. You will receive your tax deductible receipt immediately.



- ⇒ You can make a tax-deductible donation by phone – 8210 8117
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## Our priests are always there...

- They are there for us when we get married.
- They are there for us when our children are baptised.
- They are for us when we are ill and we need their prayers or blessings.
- They are there for us when we have a crisis of faith or when the time comes to lay a loved one to rest.
- Many continue their ministry long after their retirement – celebrating Mass, visiting the sick and participating in various ways in parish and archdiocesan life.
- But how often do we ask ourselves what we give in return for this lifetime of service?
- Do we ever consider who is there for our priest when he is the one in need?

*“Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another.”*

– Pope Francis



## Caring for our clergy



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