



# St. Peter Catholic Church

*The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City*

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Dear Friends in the Lord,

I write to you today regarding a special collection for the **Priests' Retirement and Benefit Fund** on the weekend of September 27th and to ask for your support. St. Peter parishioners have always responded generously to this annual appeal and I am confident of your support again this year.

This year's assessment has been reduced from 3.5% of offertory to 2.3% in response to the current pandemic, the resulting struggles by parishes and their parishioners, and the support of donations to the Priests' Pension Plan from the Diocesan Forward Faith Hope and Love Campaign.

Our parish commitment this year is \$37,847. We have already received \$9,342 in donations, 25% of our assessment. Thank you for those who have already donated to this year's assessment. **Our remaining balance is \$28,505.**

As you know the collection provides retirement support not only for diocesan priests, but also for Jesuits and other order priests ministering in the diocese. The Priest Retirement Fund currently helps support Fathers Vince Alagia, Tom McDonnell and Jim Bowler, who served at St. Peter in the recent past. In the future Fr. John, Fr. Ray and I will also benefit from this fund. Last year (2019) the Diocese sent over \$21,000 to the Province on behalf of the Jesuits who served at St. Peter.

Fr. John, Fr. Ray and I have made our gift. If you have not already contributed, please prayerfully discern and, if able, please give generously. You may place your donation in the offertory basket, mail it directly to the parish, or donate electronically at <https://stpeterscatholic.weshareonline.org/PriestRetirement>.

I also want to thank you for your continued support of the parish's commitment to the **Diocesan Support Appeal**. The DSA continues to be one of the most effective ways our parish can serve the wider community. We have reached our commitment through payments and pledges. The Diocese returns to the parish any funds exceeding our DSA assessment, so please continue to fulfill your pledge. If you have not donated to the DSA you may still do so by sending donations directly to the parish or electronically at <https://stpeterscatholic.weshareonline.org/DSAAssessment>.

I am grateful for your continued generous financial support to the parish during these challenging days. Let us continue to pray for one another.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Fr. Jim Shea, S.J.  
Pastor