



As you know, each year, the Shrine’s entire Christmas collection is designated for the care of Oblates residing in our Retirement Residence in Tewksbury. This collection is always a generous one and is regarded as a means of expressing gratitude for the service rendered by Oblates here at the Shrine over all these years. In the recent past, it has provided care and comfort for Oblates we all know: Fathers Terry O’Connell, Jim Flavin, Bill McSweeney, Patrick Hollywood, Roger Couture, Leroy Landry, Martin Walsh, Charlie Beausoleil, Harry Winter, John Hanley, Martin Martineau, Brothers Tom Cruise and Charlie Gilbert and a host of others over the decades.

Knowing that attendance at our Christmas Masses would be severely limited in this pandemic year, and therefore the holiday collection greatly depleted, it was thought prudent to offer folks the opportunity to make their Christmas donation to the Oblate Retirement Fund using the tried and true method of a solicitation via our direct mailing donor list. Those returns will be gradually coming-in over the coming holiday weeks and will be gratefully received. Donations can also be made in person or using the *We Share Donate Online* feature on our Facebook page and Website.

The Oblates wish to thank you in advance for your continued generosity to the Shrine and to the Oblates who staff it – by whatever means you might have chosen: in person at our Christmas Masses, by responding to the mailed solicitation or by conducting an electronic transaction.

