



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

January 30, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; cloth the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own” (Isaiah 58). The Prophet’s appeal to charity extends through the centuries to all our brothers and sisters, but at this moment in a particular way to our retired and infirm priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Many of our priests who have served so faithfully the people of God and ministered in Jesus’ name throughout the Archdiocese are now residents of Villa Saint Joseph and Saint Francis Country House in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, and a number of Catholic Health Care facilities in the Archdiocese. They are given wonderful physical, mental and spiritual care by many excellent caregivers. However, we cannot provide this well-deserved service to them without your valuable prayerful and financial support. They depend on you as they face the challenges of advanced age and physical infirmity.

Our **Annual Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests** of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be taken up in all parishes in the Archdiocese next weekend, **February 5 and February 6, 2011**. In the past you have shown your gratitude to our priests through your generous support. Now I beg you once again to offer your loving commitment to them in their time of need. Our retired and infirm priests remember you in their daily prayers and Masses. Please remember them with your generous prayerful and financial assistance.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ ***Justin Card. Rigali***

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of January 29 and January 30, 2011. The collection is taken up the weekend of February 5 and February 6, 2011. Collection remittal should be made to: ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA, Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.)