

# Called to Serve as Christ Campaign



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may have noticed we included bulletin inserts regarding the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign over the past couple of weeks. This campaign of the Archdiocese of Seattle seeks to establish a stronger position from which to provide a consistent and modest retirement for a few different groups. This week I wanted to give a few more details on how your donations will be used.

*The Dominicans:* The Archdiocese of Seattle initiated this campaign for the sake of the retired priests of the Archdiocese. However, Archbishop Sartain desired to recognize the many years of dedicated priestly ministry offered by the Dominican friars in Seattle. As a result, **the Archbishop graciously decided to direct a significant portion of the funds raised here at Blessed Sacrament Parish to our aging and infirm Dominican brothers.** I am grateful to Archbishop Sartain for his generosity to the Dominicans!

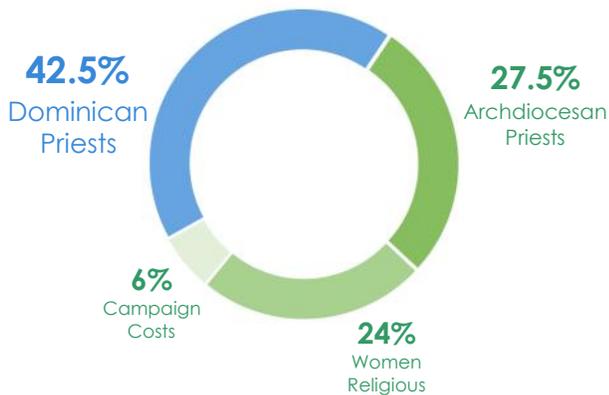
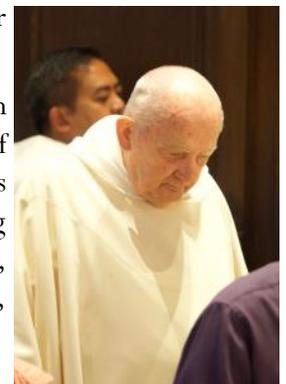


*Archdiocesan priests:* This campaign originated as a means of shoring up the retirement plan for the priests of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Many factors contribute to the need to establish a more solid footing for this plan, including a higher number of retired priests (both simply speaking and relative to the total number of priests), longer years in which retired priests need support, and the increasing cost of living and medical expenses. 27.5% of funds will support a more sustainable retirement for current and future retired priest.

Important to note: The retirement funds for retired priests are designated for this purpose. The monetary settlements reached by the Archdiocese with victims of clergy sexual abuse are NOT the reason for this campaign. It is simply the rising cost of providing for those who have served and will serve as priests in this Archdiocese.

*Sisters:* Women religious have played a crucial role in the history of the Church's mission in Western Washington. The positive impact and reach of their work cannot be overstated. They have answered the call to serve as Christ and for decades served with almost no compensation. This campaign will acknowledge and thank them for their sacrifice and ministry by splitting up the funds proportionately among the orders who have historically served our Archdiocese in order to assist them with their pension and medical needs.

*Costs:* Six percent of the campaign funds will be marked for the costs of running the campaign. These costs include the design of all marketing material, printing, postage, professional assistance, grant writing, gift processing, and events.



*Why 42.5%?* As you can see by looking at the chart on this page, this money raised by this campaign will be divided several different ways. Archbishop Sartain decided to give the Dominicans one-half (1/2) of the 55% that is designated for Archdiocesan priests in other parishes. This “one-half” works out to 27.5% of the total pie.

In addition, across the Archdiocese each parish is invited to choose a parish-particular cause. 15% of the campaign donations raised are directed to this cause named by the parish. In consultation with the Finance Council, I decided to add the 15% “parish share” to the amount already earmarked for our aging and infirm friars.

**Thus, 42.5% of your generous gifts will go to our Dominican friars.** (27.5% (Archbishop's support of the Dominicans) + 15% (parish share) = 42.5%)