

Fathers' Day Appeal

Sunday 6th September 2015

In support of our retired Fathers

May God hold you in the palm of his hand...



Monsignor Peter Shannon left his hometown in County Clare, Ireland in 1956 to minister to the people of the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst after his ordination to priesthood at All Hallows' College, Dublin. He arrived in the Diocese on 20th November 1956, almost 59 years ago.

He began his priestly duties in Orange as Curate and then as Parish Priest. Mgr Shannon was also Curate and Parish Priest at Wellington. You may also remember him in Oberon, Coonamble, Dubbo and in Lithgow where he spent more than ten years as Parish Priest. Mgr Shannon then spent 13 years in Canowindra as Parish Priest before retiring.

Mgr Shannon served a term as Vicar General as well as Spiritual Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in 1973. He is now retired and is living at St. Catherine's Hostel. Mgr Shannon still takes great interest in the happenings within the Diocese and enjoys football, horse racing and golf, now as a spectator.

... May the road rise up to meet you.

A message from Bishop Michael McKenna

Provision for aged and infirm priests is the privileged responsibility of the faithful to whom these men have given their lives.

Having borne the heat of the day in pastoral service, their modest needs should now be addressed with dignity and respect.

With ten priests currently retired and a further three reaching the age of 75 or over by 2020, the need is obvious.

Acknowledging these men have journeyed with you and your loved ones in joy and in sorrow, your financial support for them can be an expression of your gratitude.

I commend the Fathers' Day Appeal to your generous support.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Yes I would like to donate:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other

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Surname:

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Town /Suburb

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The Clergy Retirement Foundation,

PO Box 246 Bathurst, NSW 2795

or fax donation to 02 6331 4869.

Email enquiries to:

supportretiredclergy@bathurst.catholic.org.au

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Thank you for helping to provide care for the retired priests of the Diocese of Bathurst

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In support of our retired priests within the Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

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