



*Christmas is a time for great celebration  
and great gratitude*

**This Christmas, remember those priests that were there for us when we needed them, and are still there for us now.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each Christmas we gather to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus, and share in the peace He brings. We are greatly blessed that those who worship here throughout the year and those who have been away for awhile all come together for this great celebration. You are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you often.

At this time of year, in a particular way we remember, with gratitude, our retired priests. They have served our Archdiocese well over the course of many years and we are blessed by the continued service of our senior priests who bring their faith, wisdom and experience to parishes and other ministries. There are currently more than 250 retired priests in the Archdiocese of Boston and \$10 Million is required each year to meet their needs. The collection at all Christmas Masses goes directly to provide for the care for our senior priests.

Please know of my gratitude for your generosity and your faith, and be assured of my prayers for you and all whom you hold dear.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Seán, O'Malley*

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley

