PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Suggested speaker announcement – please adapt as you need.

Good morning/ evening Parish of ………………. My name is ………………………………..

Thank you, Father and congregation, for allowing me to come and speak briefly on Father's Day. May I wish all Fathers a wonderful day.

Every year we undertake the **Father's Day Appeal,** which is a special collection to assist our retired priests who have served us so faithfully.

We are indebted to our Fathers. When they retire usually at age 75, often after giving fifty years or more of service, they are no longer supported by a parish. It then becomes our duty to look after our priests in respect of their years of selfless service to generations of our families.

Father's Day is an occasion to sincerely thank our priests and honour their great service by donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has generously agreed the Archdiocese will match every donation two-for-one. For example, if you give $100, the Archdiocese will add another $200, making your contribution worth $300.

Your **tax-deductible gift** is a '**thank you'** to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life. They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach.

At present the Priests' Retirements Foundation supports 58 priests. Your gift plays a vital role to provide

- A home and house to live in;
- Nursing care for frail priests;
- Health insurance, medical and dental expenses;
- Motor vehicle
- Assistance to continue their priestly vocation, such as through Masses, Baptisms or other ministry.

You will notice **envelopes on your pews** [hold up an envelope], where you can donate. There is also a convenient and secure online option.

Thank you for your time and generosity. Happy Father's Day.

I would now like to play a short video.