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**“Hear me, O house of Jacob, ... Even to your old age I am here, even when your hair is gray I will carry you;
I have done this, and I will lift you up, I will carry you to safety.” Isaiah 46:3a,4**

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Dear friends.

“... we are also concerned about the significant number of brothers in our communities who are affected by illness or who are getting older. It is a loving concern, because we want them to live their old age with dignity, with good health care, with joy in their heart for what they have experienced and shared in community, valued by all their brothers and receiving gratitude from the whole Congregation for lives given to mission.” 37th General Chapter Documents, Introduction

The U.S. Province currently has eleven of our members who are “retired.” Actually they never retire. They dedicate themselves to ministry where they are able, limited only by age or infirmity. These men represent 690 years of religious profession and 522 years of ordination to the priesthood. These brothers and all of our older members deserve our best support in their final years.

The province’s 2024 budget for care of our infirmed and elder brothers is \$503,620. Our financial picture is slowly improving, however we have not yet reached the goal of a balanced budget. We are still in a deficit and really need your assistance to continue to care for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church and to the people. Once again we invite you to help us care for them.

THE DAMIEN RESIDENCE, FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Seven of our elder brothers reside at the Damien Residence in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. It is an assisted living



L to R: Fr. Columban Crotty, Br. Paul Alves, Fr. Alfie McHugh, Fr. Michael Marie Shanahan, Fr. Martin Gomes, Fr. Michael Kelly, and Fr. Matthias Shanley

facility with 24 hour care. Fr. Columban Crotty (92) is the superior of the community. The brothers who are able help in the nearby parishes, visit care homes, and have an important prayer and mass intention ministry. Together they represent 449 years of religious profession and 356 of priestly ministry.

Our Mission: To contemplate, live and proclaim God’s love in the world.

PRIVATE CAREHOME—WAIPAHAU, HAWAII

Fr. Albert Garcia has been professed for 61 year and ordained for 55. He now receives full-time care in a private memory-care facility in Waipahu, Hawaii. Sacred Hearts Fathers Jim McDonough, Jeremy Sabugo and Paul Zaccone pay him a visit.



ST. JOSEPH CONVENT, REDFIELD KANSAS

Fr. Rich McNally, ss.cc. retired from full-time pastoral ministry in February. He has been professed for 56 years and ordained for 49. The provincial government gave him permission to serve as a chaplain for the Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters' new St. Joseph Convent in Redfield, Kansas. It is located in the Diocese of Wichita. Fr. Rich and Mother Maria Regina meet with Bishop Carl. A. Kemme.



ST. PATRICK MONASTERY, HONOLULU, HAWAII

Fathers Jim McDonough (left) and Bill Petrie (right) currently reside at St. Patrick Monastery. It is an independent living community. Together they have 124 years of religious profession and 111 years of priestly ministry. Fr. Bill is chaplain to our SS.CC. Sisters' retirement house. Fr. Jim McDonough has a ministry to the Japanese Catholic Community. They also help out in parish ministries as they are able.



These brothers deserve our best support in their final years. Your gifts to us are a great help. Every contribution truly makes a difference in bridging the gap. Please be as generous as you can. You are in our prayers each day. May our Good God abundantly bless you..

May the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary bless you!

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