



Office of the Vicar General

April 25, 2019

Dear Brothers,

I recently wrote to you regarding your status and that of the priests in the diocese regarding participation in the Social Security program, particularly with its implications for medical coverage.

The answers we have received have raised concerns that some priests have chosen not to participate in social security not recognizing that this also makes them ineligible to receive Medicare benefits. The resulting financial drain upon our priest retirement system could be crippling in the coming years if this is allowed to continue.

For this reason after consultation with the deans, Bishop McElroy and I have decided that it is essential to receive from each diocesan priest verification of their current social security status and account.

This will allow us to confirm that all of our priests have paid into the social security system for at least 40 quarters or ten years and thus will be eligible for Medicare in their senior years.

To this end I would ask you to please send us your current social security status which may be obtained from the following link:

<https://www.ssa.gov/>

When you reach the site, follow the "Sign In" link (upper right of the website) and it will lead you to sign up on "*my SOCIAL SECURITY*". *Press that and it will give you a chance to sign in or create an account.*

Please download the PDF from the site regarding your social security payment history and, with a cover letter, forward it to Laura Ginella in my office. **PLEASE BLOCK OUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER** before sending it.

I request that you complete this request no later than June 1, 2019.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and may the Risen Lord bless you in this Easter Season!

Sincerely,

Most Rev. John P. Dolan
Vicar General