



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 15, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we approach Thanksgiving, allow me to assure you of my prayers for a blessed and happy holiday. During this time when we recognize and appreciate all that we have been given, it is important to also remember those who are less fortunate.

Many seniors within the Diocese of Venice live on a fixed income and have strongly felt the impact of the current economic environment. As a result, many lack basic needs, such as food and shelter, particularly in the rural areas of the Diocese. This year, the Diocese of Venice will be taking up the Elderly Care Collection on the weekend of November 22-23, 2025, to support this often-overlooked population.

Funds raised by your generosity towards this collection will assist the Diocese in providing charitable outreach for the elderly, both through Catholic Charities and housing initiatives. Pope Leo XIV has said, "The elderly are a gift, a blessing to be welcomed." Please prayerfully consider contributing to this collection. Your support can make a real difference in the lives of our senior brothers and sisters in need.

May God bless you for your kindness and generous response!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
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