

**ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE**  
*Eparchy of St. George in Canton*



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*Office of the Bishop*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a year to celebrate as we prepare to collect for the Clergy Retirement Fund. The Romanian Martyr Bishops for whom we have been praying for their beatification have finally received the status of blessed! Their feast day will be June 2 on the calendar.

Every year in December, the faithful of the Romanian Catholic Diocese of Canton have the opportunity to support the Clergy Retirement Fund. After years of supporting the faithful of a parish or mission, each priest receives a small pension for his love and dedication to God's church and His people. The Clergy Retirement Fund is comprised of this collection and interest from an account that is held for this purpose. Currently, there are four retired priests who receive a stipend for their years of service: Very Rev. Aurel Pater, Right Rev. Gregory Duma, Rev. Michael Kirila and Rev. Gheorghe Opris. Keep them in your prayers as they enjoy their much-deserved retirement.

At Divine Liturgy on December 8, 2019, we are called to remember our Romanian Martyr Bishops and the other faithful who suffered during the communist regime in a special way with a *parastas*, special collection and another fundraising event. The zeal of the Martyred Bishops and faithful who stood up for their faith has been a blessing to the whole Church. We use their example here and now to love more deeply as Christ taught us.

Most Reverend Ioan Suciu (born on December 4, 1907 in Blaj, Romania), was consecrated the bishop of Oradea in 1940. He was arrested in 1948 and spent the rest of his life in Sighet prison where he died five years later.

We are grateful for the clergy of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians and the sacrifices they have made to share the Good News of Jesus. Please show your gratitude with your donation on December 8, 2019. May God bless your lives with every good thing for your generosity to those who have faithfully served the faithful!

Sincerely in Christ our Savior,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD  
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George for Romanians

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***Martyr Bishop's Collection***  
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