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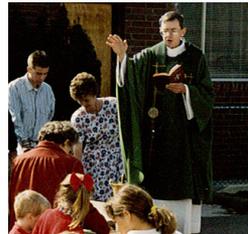
"For religious sisters, especially, it's simply a matter of justice to come for them as they cared for us."

FATHER GORDON
DOUGLAS
*on the importance
of the campaign*

I can't pinpoint the one thing which made me say, "Yes." **The priests I knew and grew up around inspired me. The ministry they were doing really intrigued me.** This was back in the 1940s and 50s and we just got through World War II. Then came the Korean War and the Cold War. It was a scary time for kids growing up. And I remember thinking, the world really needed healing. And I thought of priests as healers. **I saw the priesthood as a platform to bring peace, comfort and hope to a world that seemed to be spinning out of control. They were doing the work of putting the world back together again and I wanted to be a part of that.**

I remember when I started out, our salary at the time was \$250 a month. Out of that we had to pay all our expenses: car, toothpaste, you name it, we had to pay for it. Even in the 1960s, that wasn't a lot of money. We also had to pay back the seminary for our tuition.

Same for the sisters. I think they have been underserved ever since they started in this country. They weren't paid anywhere near what they were worth. They got a sustenance type of salary. Just to put food on their tables at night. Now, we have an opportunity to show them our support.



Both priests and women religious deserve our support. Every Christian is called to do what we say at the end of Mass on Sunday, "Go now, to love and serve the Lord." Serve as Christ. Make Christ present in the world. We're all called to serve as Christ in this world and we'll put the world back together if we do.

I have the strength for everything
through him who empowers me.

PHIL. 4:13

Favorite scripture quote

