

Financial Overview

Guiding Principals for Cash Donations

When SSPP is capable of distributing money through the Christian Service Commission (CSC) we will use the following as our guidelines for distribution:

- I. **Criteria for all candidate organizations**
 - i. Not in conflict with Catholic teaching
 - ii. Provides needed services
 - iii. Efficient and fiscally responsible use of donated monies
 - iv. Geographically diverse with a local emphasis

- II. **Ranking factors**
 - i. Life requirements such as water, food, shelter and safety and organizations that support life and justice
 - ii. Clothing, material needs and spiritual needs
 - Includes Catholic evangelization and faith development (e.g. missions)
 - iii. Joliet Diocese parishes/organizations in need
 - iv. Catholic organizations get priority if equivalent on other factors

Categories of Cash Donations

Essential Donations

The Commission will review each of the organizations designated as an **“Essential Organization”** and will allocate Christian Service proceeds through its annual budgeting process. Each organization will have a charitable contribution form completed and available for the Commission to review while considering present donation amounts and consideration of any new requests.

General Fund

An amount of money set aside annually by the commission to address financial requests that arise throughout the year. Each organization will have a charitable contribution form completed and available for the Commission to review while considering present donation amounts and consideration of any new requests.

Parishioners are asked to suggest recipient organizations at any time throughout the year. Suggested organizations will be reviewed by CSC with no guarantee of funding.

Discretionary Funds

Review requests throughout the year at subcommittee and full Commission meetings. Any requests of \$500 or greater must be taken to the full Commission for approval. Christian Service Staff personnel can approve worthy service requests under \$500. These funds are typically taken from the General Fund listed above.

Parishioners attending Mission Activities

We will continue to accept written requests from SSPP parishioners to offset the cost of attending or assisting with missionary work. At the discretion of the commission, up to \$250 of financial assistance will be provided for each applicant. All requests should be submitted 30 days prior to the event. Additional details are available through the Christian Service Office.