

Parish Name: _____

City or Town: _____



Catholic Charities
of Central and Northern Missouri
Parish Social Ministry

Charity and Mercy Grants

*"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink.
I was a stranger and you made me welcome; lacking clothes and you clothed me.
I was sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me ...
In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least
of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me.." (Mt. 25:35-36, 40)*

Charity and Mercy Grants are given to parishes directly serving vulnerable people in need, regardless of their faith affiliation. The grant is designed to expand the capacity of a parish ministry to serve more people or to help develop a new social ministry. It can be used to help purchase items needed for the ministry – *i.e.*: dishwasher for a soup kitchen, computer, tables and chairs for a food pantry, to purchase supplies - even a vehicle for the ministry, etc. It can be used to start a ministry – *i.e.*: help pay rent to acquire space for a ministry, begin offering financial literacy services to consumers, start a program to teach independent living skills, start a mentoring program for pregnant women, etc.

The grant recognizes parishes providing "charitable service" as defined by Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical, "*Deus Caritas Est*" (*God Is Love*). He listed three specific qualities of a Church-related charitable service which the parish social ministry must exemplify:

- 1. It responds to immediate needs and specific situations with more than "technical care", but with genuine love and heartfelt concern that enables others to experience the richness and totality of their humanity, made in the image and likeness of God. (DCE #31)**
- 2. It is independent of parties or ideologies, but sees with the heart where love is needed and acts accordingly, utilizing planning, foresight and cooperation with other like-minded institutions. (DCE #31)**
- 3. It is love given freely. It is not proselytism. The Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak. (DCE #31)**

**Charity and Mercy Grants assists parish's social ministries that
complements the Mission of Catholic Charities of Central and Northern
Missouri**

*"Inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes as proclaimed by Jesus Christ,
Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri is committed to
providing care and creating hope for the lives of the vulnerable through
compassionate social services that respect the dignity of each person and
engage the local community in our mission."*

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Application Form

Today's Date: _____

1. What is the name of the Parish Social Ministry (*i.e.* the program or project that serves those in need)?

2. Please describe what this ministry does and whom it serves. Please provide specifics such as how often it operates, where it is located, etc.

3. Based on the principles above for a "charitable service" as described in *Deus Caritas Est*, please share with us the following information:
 - a. How does it respond to immediate needs and specific situations with more than "technical care"; but rather "with genuine love and heartfelt concern that enables others to experience the richness and totality of their humanity, made in the image and likeness of God. (*DCE #31*)"? Please give examples.

 - b. Is it independent of parties or ideologies so that it serves anyone, regardless of faith affiliation?
_____ Please give examples.

 - c. Is there a process to evaluate how the ministry is doing and then make adaptations based on that evaluation? _____ Please give examples.

 - d. Does it collaborate with other social ministries in the broad community? _____ Please give examples.

 - e. Do people served need to pay to receive the service? _____ If they pay, can exceptions be made for those who cannot afford to pay?

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10. What is the cost needed to fulfill the request and how will the ministry be sustained beyond the possible funding from the Charity & Mercy Grant? (This could be financially, in-kind donations, volunteer time, etc.)

Person Completing Application _____

Position/Title _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Person Completing Application/Title

Signature of Pastor or Priest Administrator

Please mail completed application to:
Catholic Charities of Central & Northern Missouri
Parish Social Ministry
John Doyle
PO Box 104626
Jefferson City, MO 65110

Or,
E-mail it to: jdoyle@cccnmo.org

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Guidelines for Granting Charity & Mercy Grants

1. The ministry will be parish based and operated by the parish.
2. Funding will be used for a direct service ministry that helps meet the basic needs of people living in the parish's communities. Funding should also be used to expand the capacity of a current ministry to serve more people or be used to start a new ministry.
3. Subsequent year grants may be awarded based upon number of other applications, the ministry's fit to the criteria of the award, and availability of funds. Parish's may apply for funding once every 12 months from the date of the initial application.
4. Requests can be up to \$5,000.
5. Applications must be received by e-mail, or direct mail by the Parish Social Ministry office at Catholic Charities. When we receive your application, we will send you an e-mail acknowledgement that we have received it.
6. A committee of Catholic Charities Board members, Advisory Committee members and staff reviews all applications. If more information about an application is needed, they will contact you. The Board makes the final decision.
7. The Pastors or Administrators and/or contact persons for the ministries are notified of the Award or grant selections quarterly.
8. A Grant Report will be sent with award letters. Grant reports are due within 12 months of the date of the award letter.

For more information, please contact:

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