

Benevolence Policy: Appendix B

To qualify for financial assistance from the Household of Faith Fund, the following standards must be met:

- The request must be for assisting with one or more of the following necessities:
 - Clothing
 - Groceries
 - Medical expenses including dental, vision, and prescription medicines
 - Shelter (rent or mortgage on primary place of residence)
 - Telephone payment on home phone
 - Transportation costs such as a bus pass, vehicle fuel, or maintenance on primary vehicle
 - Utility payment (electrical, gas, or water)
 - Employment assistance
- The requested funds must not be used for expenses such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - Alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, illegal drugs, etc.
 - Business expenses, except when directly related to obtaining employment
 - Discretionary travel or transportation costs not related to employment, medical care, or other required travel
 - Education, except when directly related to obtaining employment
 - Entertainment of any kind
 - Gambling
 - Secondary residences
 - Secondary vehicles
- The recipient of the requested funds must meet the following requirements:
 - Attends our parish regularly or is identified as a member of our parish.
 - Has not received benevolence more than twice within a 12-month period.
 - Has not been known to misuse benevolence previously provided.
 - Has followed any “good faith” efforts recommended by the parish priest.
- The recipient is unable to obtain financial assistance from other sources such as following:
 - Government (unemployment, financial aid, social services, etc.)
 - Family and friends