

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs.” (USCCB). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

Christ the Redeemer Church – Tithing Committee

Criteria for Disbursement of Funds

1. Following the Corporal Works of Mercy, our mission is to donate to charities which provide food, shelter, clothing and support the underserved and our most vulnerable in society.
2. Disbursement of Funds
 - a. 70% to local and U.S. – Ex: Food, shelter, disaster relief, community outreach (Depending on circumstances and world events)
 - b. 30% to International – Ex: Catholic Relief Services, disaster relief, missions. (Depending on circumstances and world events)
 - c. Parish Outreach projects are also funded by the Tithing Committee.
 - d. Funds will NOT be given for events including golf outings, walks/runs, political or fundraising events.
3. Donation request forms **MUST** be completed and sent to the parish office, ATTN: Tithing Committee, for all requests. Forms must be received in advance of committee review. Note: requests, approval and payment process may take up to 120 days.
4. Tithing Committee will evaluate charities by reviewing the following:
 - a. The organizations’ mission to support and respond to the Corporal Works of Mercy and Catholic Social Teaching “ensuring that all our charitable works are an authentic expression of our Catholic Faith” (USCCB)
 - b. *Tithing Committee will also consider requests from members of the parish in support of organizations that promote the physical, mental and emotional well-being of people, even if not defined in Corporal Works of Mercy.*
 - c. www.guidestar.org may be used to verify if it is a 501(c)(3).
 - d. 501(c)(3) status is encouraged but not required.
 - e. Overall efficiency rating at www.charitynavigator.org
5. All decisions will be made through consensus from
 - a. Tithing Committee, minimum quorum of 5 members
 - b. After Tithing Committee report has submitted the recommended groups to receive the tithe, final review and approval will be given by the Office of Evangelical Charity at CTR and our Pastor, Fr. Bill.

6. Criteria for disbursement of funds will be posted on our parish website. List of funds disbursed will be published in The Connection.