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CHARITABLE MINISTRY
OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

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The past year has seen little activity with the ministry, for several significant reasons:

- 1) COVID dragging on has put a damper on involvement with parishes.
- 2) Loss of momentum over the past year and a half.
- 3) Committee members spread out, busy; difficulty in facilitating local fundraising events.
- 4) Virtually no requests for financial assistance.
- 5) Little interest within the diocese.

Suggestions:

- 1) Reconstitute the ministry with new volunteers in a particular locality to focus primarily on that area. From there it may be able to replicate in other localities/chapters.
- 2) Investigate the needs within the diocese:
 - a. Do parishes starting new ministries want assistance/feedback from parishes which have existing ministry models?
 - b. Planned giving at the diocesan and parish levels.
 - c. Might a potential development director begin as a volunteer?

The ministry has great potential, but without a clearly defined need, realistic goals to meet that need, and committed volunteers, it will continue to stall. I invite feedback on how to best move this ministry forward.