



Diocese of  
OWENSBORO

## **PRIESTS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE**

1. The Charitable Trust Fund, Inc., is liable for costs of priests who need special assistance. The Charitable Trust Fund shall receive income from:
  - a. Special Diocesan “Care of Infirm Priests” Collection
  - b. Extra stipend money donated by priests
  - c. Wills, bequests and investment earnings
  - d. Annual contribution appeal by the bishop to the priests
  - e. Up to 10% of the annual Disciples Response Fund collection
2. The distribution of special financial help shall be given according to the below guidelines. All cases not fitting the guidelines shall be taken to the Priests’ Personnel Committee and a recommendation made to the bishop concerning the case.
3. The bishop retains the right to this fund in support of a priest without use of guidelines or consultation, but this will only be in cases where confidentiality is essential.

### **Guidelines:**

1. Any priest who is sick and unable to work and not retirement age shall be paid for one month by the parish or institution of assignment.
2. After the first month, the priest will then be paid out of the Charitable Trust Fund. This payment will include regular salary and, to the extent his mileage is ministry related, reimbursement for business mileage. If a place to live is needed, the diocese will provide adequate housing and food.
3. Each priest is expected to pay up to \$750 personally for medical expenses in any given year. These medical expenses shall be understood to include:
  - a. Medical doctors
  - b. Psychiatrists

- c. Psychologists
- d. Medicine (prescription drugs)
- e. Dentists (necessary work)
- f. Physical therapy
- g. Chiropractors
- h. Lab fees
- i. Durable medical equipment