

OCDS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Dues should be set to appropriately cover normal expenses over a three-year period. A community budget would be helpful in planning these expenses. Funds need to be set aside for the cost of the provincial visitation and sending representatives to periodic Provincial workshops and the Plenary Council meeting.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising for legitimate community projects and special/extraordinary needs is appropriate but must be approved by the local council before such fundraising begins.

Please note that, however worthy the cause may be, fundraising is not to be done for outside interests and causes.

- Fundraising projects should not be a frequent or ongoing burden on the community members.
- Fundraising projects should not reflect negatively on the spiritual dignity of the community.
- Fundraising projects should follow any requirements or guidelines set out by the local diocese.

Special Collections

Statutes XIV.3: Dues collected should include some portion to be distributed to help the poor and/or help support the nuns and friars of the Order [Art. 55]

In addition, a voluntary special collection may be taken up for humanitarian reasons, such as a natural disaster or serious emergency.

Communities may have a long-term voluntary fund for apostolic purposes, such as supporting a missionary.