

PARISH LOANS

Monies given to the stewardship of the parish are to be considered as a sacred trust between the donor and parish. Ordinarily the mind of the donor in giving to the church is to see that the works of the church are funded in a proper manner and that all monies are accounted for.

Parishes should not make it a practice to allow employees to draw an advance on their salaries or similar “short term” loans. Nor should the pastor make a loan to himself, family member (C. 1298), employee or parishioner without prior permission from the bishop or his delegate. He may wish to make a personal gift to someone in need or refer that person to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society or similar local assistance agency.

Any such making of loans to individuals is against diocesan policy and violation may result in administrative removal from office. (C 1741.5)