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Reviewer 1

General Comments and Recommendations
The paper has potential. The thematic analysis by Braun and Clarke is a solid choice. The flow of ideas is logical. Yet, the manuscript needs a thorough check. I noticed typographical errors and some inconsistencies in text formats. To enhance clarity, please ensure uniformity throughout the text.

Specific Comments and Recommendations
Title: The title is clear. It accurately reflects the content of the study.
Abstract: There is a typo in the abstract. The word Logistics is misspelled as Logistcs. Please correct this. Also, a phrase mentions involvement in activities that may strengthen faith. Please fix the grammar in that sentence.
Introduction: The introduction gives a strong theological background. The transition from macro level concepts to the local parish context is smooth. You successfully identified the gap in localized research. Still, it would be beneficial to explicitly state why the focus is only on six volunteers. Elaborate on how this sample size achieves data saturation.
Methodology: The study uses a descriptive qualitative design. This is appropriate. You mention purposive selection for participants with three to five years of service. Elaborate on why you

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chose this specific tenure. What makes this duration significant? You utilized one on one interviews analyzed via thematic analysis. Please provide more details about the interview guide to ensure replicability.
Results and Discussion: The tables are helpful. Table 1 lists inclusive apostolate. Table 2 mentions financial resources. Table 3 details adaptation strategies. The discussion feels repetitive at times. Ensure each paragraph introduces a distinct analysis rather than just a summary of the tables. Deepen the connection between the generated themes and the cited Catholic doctrines. Explain how these exact themes provide new insights beyond what current publications already state.
Conclusion: The conclusion effectively summarizes the main points. It highlights how volunteer work acts as a transformative vocation. Ensure that the conclusion does not introduce new concepts not found in the results section.
References: Check the reference list for format consistency. Some entries have irregular spaces. Ensure all links are active and formatted correctly per the journal guidelines.

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Reviewer 2

General Comments and Recommendations
The paper discusses a meaningful topic and may provide useful insights for Catholic social action ministries. However, in its present form, I am not yet convinced that the findings can be properly evaluated as a qualitative study.
Specific Comments and Recommendations
The authors stated that the interviews were recorded, transcribed verbatim, and analyzed through thematic analysis. However, the results present only the theme names, summarized meanings, and extensive interpretation from Catholic teachings, without any direct participant quotation or clear evidence showing how each theme was developed from the six interviews. Because of this, it is difficult to determine whether the interpretations truly came from the participants or were mainly constructed from the authors' theological understanding. This concern affects the credibility of all findings, including the experiences, challenges, and coping strategies. The authors should provide carefully selected verbatim statements for every theme and explain how the quotations support the interpretation.

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