



Faith Formation Grant Guidelines and Criteria

Who Can Apply? The Diocese of Erie (Departments) and Catholic Parishes in the Diocese

Grants are available for parish and/or diocesan-based parish faith formation projects that focus on:

- 🕯 Projects that promote life-long faith formation activities
- 🕯 Projects that welcome absentee and/or non-Catholics into the church
- 🕯 Projects that promote faith formation through technology
- 🕯 Projects that provide spiritual support to families, singles, youth and young adults

Priority is given to:

- 🕯 Faith formation projects that are parish-based
- 🕯 Faith formation projects that reach a wide audience or are collaborative across parishes
- 🕯 New or creative faith formation projects
- 🕯 Faith formation projects with multiple funding sources
- 🕯 Faith Formation projects that are compatible with diocesan priorities
- 🕯 Parishes and departments of the diocese who have not received a Catholic Foundation Faith Formation Grant in the last year

The minimum grant award is \$500, and the maximum grant award is \$5,000.

2020 Faith Formation Grant Cycle



Requirements

- 🕯 Pastor or diocesan department supervisor (if not the applicant) must be aware of the grant request and have given their approval by signing the project endorsement form included in the application.
- 🕯 Parishes or diocesan departments may only submit one Faith Formation Grant application per year. If more than one application per parish/diocesan department is submitted, all will be rejected.
- 🕯 Funds are released to the parish or diocese only with an executed grant agreement on file at the Foundation

Funding will not be considered for:

- 🕯 Individuals
- 🕯 Capital campaigns
- 🕯 Existing staff salaries
- 🕯 Already completed projects
- 🕯 Faith formation projects not affiliated with a parish or diocesan department
- 🕯 Emergency grants

****This is not an exhaustive list. Catholic Foundation staff, grant committee, and Board of Directors will determine inclusions and exclusions.**

How to Apply

Please review the guidelines and funding priorities outlined and consider if your project or program is a good fit. If so, you may submit your application online through the Catholic Foundation website: www.mycatholicfoundation.org.

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