



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Awards \$44,511 in Spring 2021 Grant Cycle!

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 15 grants totaling **\$44,511** has been awarded through our 2021 Spring competitive grant programs. The competitive granting programs at the Catholic Foundation help ensure that departments of the Diocese of Erie, parishes, and Catholic schools have the financial resources to serve and make a difference – now and in the future. The granting program directly impacts the Catholic community in northwest Pennsylvania awarding competitive grants in support of a variety of faith formation and Catholic education efforts.

Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Grants awarded this year are unique in that each will support an effort to reach out to the faithful beyond the borders of churches, schools, and diocesan offices. Each project supported by these grants will support outreach into the community in new ways.

Five Faith Formation Grant Awards Totaling \$12,900

Diocese of Erie Communications Office: \$3,000 to assist with expansion of the weekly Diocese of Erie News digital publication.

Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA): \$2,900 to purchase items to assist parish families in creating a home prayer space and to support family centered parish events.

Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA): \$2,500 to upgrade technology to support new parish evangelization initiative “One Candle Media” in the production of a variety of video and podcast programming for social media.

Diocese of Erie International Missions Office: \$2,500 To support the publication of materials to educate people in the Diocese of Erie about the Mission of Friendship and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this program which develops relationships between parishes in the Diocese of Erie and parishes in the Archdiocese of Yucatan, Mexico,

Saint Joseph Parish (Oil City, PA): \$2,000 to support parish training session by Saint Paul Street Evangelization.

Catholic Education

Catholic education is inclusive of all types of religious education and ministry formation and is offered to the faithful in many ways. Recognizing the ongoing needs in this area, the

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Catholic Foundation awards grants in support of religious education in Catholic schools and parishes, lay ministry formation and training, and support of ever-changing parish and school technology needs.

Ten Education Grant Awards Totaling \$31,611

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA): \$15,000 to assist with the purchase of iPads for Kindergarten through 2nd grade students at Saint John Paul II Elementary School.

Saint George Parish (Erie, PA): \$3,000 to assist with the purchase of technology to improve livestreaming capabilities.

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish (DuBois, PA): \$2,671 to provide technology upgrades for faith formation programs and livestreaming.

Saint Michael Catholic School (Greenville, PA): \$2,200 to assist with the purchase of Theology of the Body curriculum resources and to provide teachers with related professional development.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA): \$2,000 to support the purchase of a subscription to *Word On Fire/Engage* and *Flocknote* for outreach efforts.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish (Clearfield, PA): \$2,000 to assist with the purchase of annual subscriptions to *Magnificat* for all parish families.

Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA): \$1,240 To provide funds to send two catechists for formation at Franciscan University's Saint John Bosco Conference and to provide related resources.

Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish (Erie, PA): \$1,500 to support the upgrade of technology to improve the sound system in the church.

Saint Joseph Church/Bread of Life Community (Erie, PA): \$1,000 to assist with the cost for two youth to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp.

Saint Philip Parish (Linesville, PA): \$1,000 to support the purchase of a parish subscription to *FORMED* online faith formation program.



Be the spark! Education Grants are made possible through the *Education Endowment* and Faith Formation Grants are made possible through the *Evangelization Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increase our capacity to award grants for impactful Catholic education and faith formation needs throughout northwest Pennsylvania today and for future generations.

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How to apply? The Education Grant fall cycle will open August 16, 2021. The next Faith Formation Grant cycle will open in early 2022. Grant guidelines and criteria can be found at www.MyCatholicFoundation.org.

About the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania

The Catholic Foundation is the only community foundation in northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values and investment principles. It is governed by a board of directors comprised of Catholic lay men and women from throughout the Diocese of Erie. The Foundation inspires and unites Catholics in supporting their faith community and creating a Catholic legacy, assisting donors to provide for the long-term needs of the Catholic ministries in their community.

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