



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces Summer and Fall 2021 Grant Awards Totaling \$107,076

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that twenty (20) grants totaling **\$107,076** were awarded during its summer and fall grant cycles. These grants include those awarded through the Foundation's first-ever Catholic Social Ministry grant opportunity which supports a wide variety of important projects and programs in northwest Pennsylvania. The Foundation's granting programs support departments of the Diocese of Erie, parishes, Catholic schools, and ministries so they will have the financial resources to serve and make a difference – now and in the future.

Catholic Education

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

Thirteen Education Grant Awards Totaling \$60,188

Diocese of Erie Chancery: \$4,350 to defray costs associated with staff member completing a certification program in Health Care Ethics.

Included in this award is a grant from the *Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Endowment for Pastoral Ministry*. This is the first grant awarded from Bishop Persico's endowment.

Saint John the Evangelist Parish (Girard, PA): \$3,400 to purchase projection equipment, a computer, and screen to be used in the church and parish center for faith formation programming.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Harborcreek, PA): \$6,000 to support the Parish Partnership Process through L'Alto Catholic Institute for parish renewal.

Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA): \$3,500 to assist with costs associated with Saint Gregory youth travel to and participation in the 2021 National Catholic Youth Conference.

Included in this award is a grant from the *Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Endowment*.

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Saint George Parish (Erie, PA): \$5,400 to assist with the purchase of upgraded equipment for livestreaming parish Masses and events.

Saint Callistus Parish (Kane, PA): \$1,500 to assist with costs associated with multi age group issue-focused faith formation.

Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish (Albion, PA): \$4,735 to assist with costs to install new audio and video technology in the church and Saint Lawrence Center for livestreaming Masses and faith formation programming.

Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish (Erie, PA): \$850 to assist with costs to host a NET Ministries retreat for youth in the parish and wider community.

Saint Jude the Apostle Parish (Erie, PA): \$4,000 to upgrade technology to produce a parish podcast.

Saint Boniface Parish (Erie, PA): \$4,200 to purchase laptops for the faith formation program and to provide a catechist training program.

Venango Region Catholic School (Oil City, PA): \$8,000 to purchase a variety of Catholic materials for use throughout the school as visible reminders of the school's Catholic identity and mission.

Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA): \$2,813 to fund a kiosk of Catholic items and to defray expenses related to bringing Padre Pio relics to the parish.

Diocese of Erie Catholic Schools Office: \$11,440 to be used for diocesan-wide scholarship and tuition assistance programs.

Catholic Social Ministry

Six Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards Totaling \$39,000

In 2021, the Catholic Foundation added a Catholic Social Ministry grant opportunity to its competitive grant processes. Grants are awarded in this area to ministries and projects that embrace and align with Catholic social teaching and are answering the Gospel call to respond to needs within the community. Grants awarded in this inaugural cycle support a variety of outreach efforts that benefit local communities.

Saint Elizabeth Center (Oil City, PA): \$5,000 to support food distribution for low-income households through the food pantry program.

Saint Martin Center (Erie, PA): \$5,000 to support Bishop's Breakfast Program.

Included in this award is a grant from the *Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Endowment*.

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (Erie, PA): \$15,000 to assist with providing professional counseling services to the poor through eight locations in northwest Pennsylvania.

Prince of Peace Center (Farrell, PA): \$7,500 to assist with the cost to hire an employment specialist to address job-seeking client needs.

Saint Joseph Parish (Oil City, PA): \$2,500 to assist with transportation costs associated with parishioners' 2022 March for Life trip.

Saint Boniface Parish (Erie, PA): \$4,000 to support and expand focused social ministries at the parish.

Faith Formation

One Faith Formation Grant Award Totaling \$7,888

Diocese of Erie Faith Formation Office: \$7,888 to support the "Re-membering Our Sunday Story" evangelization initiative.



Be the spark! These grants are made possible through our *Education Endowment, Evangelization Endowment, and our Catholic Charities Endowment*, three funds designated for various charitable fields of interest. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increase our capacity to award grants for impactful Catholic education, faith formation, and Catholic social ministry needs throughout northwest Pennsylvania today and for future generations.



How to apply? The Education Grant spring cycle will open January 31, 2022. The Faith Formation Grant cycle will open February 14, 2022. The Catholic Social Ministry Grant cycle will open in June and the fall Education Grant cycle will open in mid-August. Grant guidelines, criteria, and grant cycle dates 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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