



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces Fall 2023 Education Grant Awards Totaling \$77,991**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that twelve (12) grants totaling **\$77,991** were awarded during its fall 2022 Education Grant cycle. 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.

Annually, the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania offers competitive grants from three of our four field of interest funds: Education Endowment, Faith Formation Endowment and Catholic Social Ministry Endowment. The Catholic Foundation accepts grant applications and awards competitive grants four times each year. The Foundation's granting programs support the impactful work of the 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.

**Holy Redeemer Parish (Warren, PA): \$15,000** to support technology upgrades that will benefit the faith formation program in Warren County which serves the faith communities of Holy Redeemer Parish and Saint Joseph Parish. These upgrades will primarily impact the faith formation program but will also benefit a variety of other parish ministries and community events.

**Venango Region Catholic School (Oil City, PA): \$12,777** to upgrade a school lab space into a STEAM activity area. The primary goal of this project is to develop student skills in collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. The STEAM activity area will include state-of-the-art laptops, a large-screen TV, and a 3D printer. Student experiences will include programming, 3D printing, video creation, and more while increasing the use and application of math skills.

**Seton Catholic School (Meadville, PA): \$11,639** to assist with the costs of purchasing additional Chromebooks for students and classroom projectors. These technology upgrades will benefit both teachers and students.

**Saint Boniface Parish (Kersey, PA): \$6,755** to support parish youth and adult chaperone attendance at the 2022 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Long Beach, CA. NCYC is the largest Catholic conference in the United States offering Catholic youth a unique opportunity to grow in their faith and connect with others from around the country. In addition, Saint Boniface Parish received a **\$631 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to support this project.

**Beloved Disciple Parish (Grove City, PA): \$6,520** to support needed parish technology upgrades that will positively impact the staff, faith formation programs, and parish ministries.

**Holy Redeemer Parish (Warren, PA): \$6,000** to assist with the costs to provide three Advent evenings of Eucharistic worship featuring musician/singer John Finch and his team. Each evening of worship will be held at a different parish. The three parishes collaborating on this project are Holy

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Redeemer Parish (Warren, PA), Saint Boniface Parish (Kersey, PA), and Saint Joseph Parish (Lucinda, PA). During this time of diocesan Eucharistic Revival, the parishioners of each parish will be able to enter deeply into the Advent mystery of our Incarnate Lord through music and prayer and fellowship. Eucharistic understanding will be fostered through Eucharistic worship.

**Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA): \$5,550** to assist with costs associated with offering parish youth opportunities to attend a variety of events focused on helping them encounter Jesus and encourage them in their faith.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Mercer, PA): \$5,000** to support updated technology and networking at the parish which will benefit faith formation programming and ministry activities.

**Saint Catherine of Siena Parish (DuBois, PA): \$3,000** to defray costs associated with their Eucharist: Food for the Journey program, five evenings of family fellowship, prayer, and meditation on different aspects of the Eucharist. Each evening will include Eucharistic adoration, an invited speaker on a set topic, activities for children, and an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a collaborative effort involving all five parishes in the DuBois area.

**Immaculate Conception Parish (Brookville, PA): \$3,000** to support needed parish technology upgrades that will positively impact the staff, faith formation programs, and parish ministries.

**Saint Leo Magnus Parish (Ridgway, PA): \$2,000** to support the creation of a hot meal delivery service for parishioners in need. Parish Confirmation students will be assisting with the cooking, packing, and delivery of meals twice a month.

**Saint Catherine of Siena Parish (DuBois, PA): \$750.00** to support the 2023 Lenten Evening Prayer Series hosted by the parish. These five evenings include Liturgy of the Hours, music, scripture reading, and a reflection by a guest speaker. This is an ecumenical event that involves and serves the entire community.



**Be the spark!** Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our field of interest funds: *Education Endowment*, *Faith Formation Endowment* and *Catholic Social Ministry Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increase our capacity to award grants for impactful programs and projects throughout northwest Pennsylvania lighting the flame of faith today and for future generations.

#### ***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.*

More information about the Catholic Foundation may be found at  
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