



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces Spring 2022 Grant Awards Totaling \$34,865

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that ten (10) grants totaling **\$34,865** were awarded during its spring grant cycles. 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.

Four Education Grant Awards Totaling \$20,600

Diocese of Erie Catholic Schools Office: \$10,500 to support the 2022 Annual Catholic Schools Leadership Conference which brings together school presidents, principals, curriculum leaders, and teacher leaders from all 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie. The grant will specifically be used to defray costs associated with bringing in the keynote speaker.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA): \$5,000 to assist with the costs to bring to the parish nationally known Catholic composers and presenters Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano. The artists will offer an Advent concert and youth event.

All Saints Parish (Waterford, PA): \$4,200 to assist with the costs associated with parish youth and adult attendance at the 2022 National Catholic Youth Conference.

Saint Joseph Catholic School (Warren, PA): \$900 to purchase youth hymnals for Saint Joseph Catholic School students.

Spirit led. Faith empowered.

Faith Formation

Five Faith Formation Grant Awards Totaling \$13,265

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish (Union City, PA): \$3,565 to purchase updated technology to support parish faith formation programming.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish (Clearfield, PA): \$3,000 to purchase Word on Fire New Testaments for parishioners.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA): \$2,000 to assist with the costs to send parish youth to Catholic Heart Workcamp in New Jersey. In addition, Our Lady of Peace Parish received a **\$1,000 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to support this project.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish (Corry, PA): \$2,500 to purchase updated technology to support parish faith formation programming.

Saint Mark Parish (Emporium, PA): \$2,200 to purchase updated technology to support parish faith formation programming.

Be the spark! Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our *Education Endowment* and *Faith Formation 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.



How to apply? The Education Grant fall cycle will open **August 22, 2022**. The next Faith Formation Grant cycle will open in early 2023. 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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