



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2023 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards Totaling \$66,343**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 11 Catholic Social Ministry grants totaling **\$66,343** were awarded to support 9 projects during its summer grant cycle. 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 were awarded in this cycle to support a variety of outreach efforts that benefit local communities throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

### **2023 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards**

**Diocese of Erie Office for Women Religious: \$13,850** to support the work of Catholic Rural Ministry in Oil City, PA. The funds will aid families in that area which are in immediate crisis and need assistance with rent, utilities, medical treatment, or transportation.

**Maria House Project (Erie, PA): \$6,328** to expand their library of spiritual resources, provide staff development, update drug testing equipment, and to provide personalized religious medals for residents who complete the program.

**Prince of Peace Center (Farrell, PA): \$4,100 Catholic Social Ministry Grant** and a **\$3,400 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant** to support their Hope and Faith programs, which guide, counsel, and empower families who need crisis management services.

**Rural House of Mercy (DuBois, PA): \$6,800** to support those in need through the purchase of food cards, Earth-friendly containers for meals, and clothing.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish (Erie, PA): \$2,358** to support the parish Kinship Ministry. Funds will be used to provide the supplies needed to create first aid kits for refugee families.

**Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network (Erie, PA): \$10,000** to assist in easing poverty through providing funds for small home repairs, improving community gardens, and providing additional market match funds at their farmer's market.

**Saint James Haven (Meadville, PA): \$6,000** to purchase food and supplies needed for community dinners.

*Spirit led. Faith empowered.*

**Saint Martin Center (Erie, PA): \$6,717 Catholic Social Ministry Grant** and a **\$3,283 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant** to provide mortgage assistance to families in need.

**Saint Patrick's Haven (Erie, PA): \$3,507 Catholic Social Ministry Grant** to purchase exterior security and location signs as well as free-standing trays, plates, and bowls for residents' meals.



**Be the spark!** These Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our *Catholic Social Ministry Endowment* and the *Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increase our capacity to award grants for impactful Catholic social ministry initiatives throughout northwest Pennsylvania 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. The Foundation is an independent 501 (c)(3) corporation. It is governed by a board of directors comprised of Catholic lay men and women from throughout northwest Pennsylvania. 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 [www.MyCatholicFoundation.org](http://www.MyCatholicFoundation.org).