



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2023 Fall Education Grant Awards Totaling \$53,150**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that eleven grants totaling **\$53,150** were awarded to support ten projects during its fall grant cycle. Funded by the Foundation's *Education Endowment* as well as endowments established by individuals to carry out their charitable goals, these grants will support a wide range of projects and needs and will have impact throughout the 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie.

The Catholic Foundation attracts, professionally manages, and invests donor gifts. Through the stewardship and growth of these funds, grants are made to support the current and long-term financial needs of parishes, schools, charities, and other ministries in northwest Pennsylvania.

### **2023 Fall Education Grant Awards**

**Blessed Sacrament School (Erie, PA)** received a **\$7,000 Education Grant** to fund a Financial Literacy Program for middle school students at Blessed Sacrament School and Saint James School.

**DuBois Central Catholic (DuBois, PA)** received a **\$12,000 Education Grant** to purchase two classroom smartboards, laptops, a laptop charging cart, two digital microscopes, and lab materials for science classes.

**Holy Redeemer Parish (Warren, PA)** received a **\$1,050 Education Grant** to purchase a Hallow App subscription for Warren County Catholic Community faith formation catechists and Saint Joseph Catholic School teachers.

**Holy Redeemer Parish (Warren, PA)** received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** to create an outdoor seating space at Holy Redeemer Parish, including a large fire pit and seating. This will be an area for faith formation and other group gatherings, available to the Warren County Catholic community.

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Harborcreek, PA)** received a **\$3,500 Education Grant** to support a three-day parish mission presented by Tricia O'Mahony Hoyt that will benefit both parishioners and parish staff.

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**Saint Joseph Parish (Force, PA)** received a **\$3,000 Education Grant** to modernize faith formation programs through the purchase of upgraded technology and to provide a subscription to Formed for the parish.

**Saint Joseph Parish (Warren, PA)** received a **\$3,087 Education Grant** and a **\$913 Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Grant** to support a concert and presentation by liturgical music composer Fr. Ricky Manalo.

**Saint Marys Inter Parish Faith Formation (St. Marys, PA)** received a **\$600 Education Grant** to purchase a laptop for the Confirmation Coordinator.

**Saint Michael School (Greenville, PA)** received a **\$7,000 Education Grant** to purchase four teacher laptops and six document cameras.

**Venango Region Catholic School (Oil City, PA)** received a **\$10,000 Education Grant** to purchase six SMARTboards with carts and laptops for students in grades 1 through 6 at Saint Stephen Elementary School.



**Be the spark!** Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our *Education Endowment* and *Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increases our capacity to award grants for impactful Catholic faith formation and education needs throughout northwest Pennsylvania today and for future generations.

**How to apply?** The Education Grant spring cycle will open **February 5, 2024**. Grant guidelines, criteria, and grant cycle dates can be found at [www.MyCatholicFoundation.org](http://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. 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.*

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