



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2023 Spring Grant Awards Totaling \$56,817

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that thirteen grants totaling **\$56,817** were awarded to support nine projects during its spring grant cycles. Funded by the Foundation's *Education Endowment* and *Faith Formation 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.

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Diocese of Erie Chancery received a **\$2,681 Faith Formation Grant** and a **\$689 Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Pastoral Ministry Grant** to send two laypersons to receive training at the Pope Leo XIII Institute Summer Conference.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$15,160 Education Grant**, a **\$3,087 Faith Formation Grant**, and a **\$1,753 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to cover operating costs for a retreat open to all Confirmation students in the diocese.

DuBois Central Catholic (DuBois, PA) received a **\$10,200 Education Grant** to assist with the costs of student retreats, pilgrimages, and guest speakers for each grade.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$1,000 Education Grant** and a **\$5,000 Faith Formation Grant** to assist with the costs of the *From Mass to Mission* program which focuses on increasing understanding and appreciation of the Mass. This is a parish-wide formation opportunity.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$2,700 Education Grant** to purchase new and updated theology textbooks for tenth and twelfth grade classes, as well as teacher manuals and starter kits for these new books.

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Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$2,400 Education Grant** to purchase children's bibles for kindergarten through sixth grade students at Saint John Paul II Elementary School.

Saint Joseph Catholic School (Warren, PA) received a **\$4,195 Education Grant** to purchase bibles for each student.

Saint Mary Parish (St. Marys, PA) received a **\$2,960 Faith Formation Grant** to send parish staff to the 'Defending the Faith Conference' at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

Venango Region Catholic School (Oil City, PA) received a **\$4,992 Education Grant** to purchase competition robots for their STEM robotics program.



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 21, 2023**. The next Faith Formation Grant cycle will open in early 2024. 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. 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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