



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2023 Grant Awards Totaling \$176,310

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 35 grants totaling **\$176,310** were awarded to support 28 projects during its spring grant cycles. Funded by the Foundation's Education Endowment, Faith Formation Endowment, and Catholic Social Ministry Endowment as well as endowments established by individuals to carry out their charitable goals, these grants support a wide range of projects and needs and will have impact throughout the thirteen 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 Spring Grant Awards

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.

Spirit led. Faith empowered.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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! The 2023 Catholic Foundation competitive grants were made possible through our *Education Endowment, Faith Formation Endowment, and Catholic Social Ministry Endowment*, as well as the *Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Endowment, Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Endowment, Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Endowment, and Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Endowment for Pastoral Ministry*. Donations in any amount designated for these funds increase our capacity to award grants for impactful projects 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.

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