



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2024 Spring Grant Awards Totaling \$71,365**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 22 grants totaling **\$71,365** were awarded to support 20 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 responsibly 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.

### **2024 Spring Grant Awards**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$1,800 Faith Formation Grant** to update their religious education space with new furniture and materials.

**Diocese of Erie Chancery** received a **\$7,280 Education Grant**, an **\$819 Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Pastoral Ministry Grant**, and a **\$1,901 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to send two laypersons and two clergy to receive training at the Pope Leo XIII Institute Summer Conference.

**Erie Catholic School System (Erie, PA)** received a **\$15,000 Education Grant** to support staff member attendance at the Partners in Mission 2024 Summer Institute Conference and to help defray the costs to hire a consultant to develop a strategic plan for the school system.

**Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA)** received a **\$2,415 Faith Formation Grant** to send three youth and chaperones to the Steubenville Conference in Steubenville, OH.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** to support a parishioner's training in spiritual direction.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$3,000 Education Grant** to support sending youth and chaperones on a pilgrimage around the Diocese of Erie and surrounding area.

*Spirit led. Faith empowered.*

**Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$4,000 Education Grant** to support parish leadership team attendance at the Amazing Parish training summit.

**Saint Boniface Parish (Kersey, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Faith Formation Grant** to purchase new faith formation curriculum books and RCIA handbooks.

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish (Smethport, PA)** received a **\$3,150 Education Grant** to purchase a touchscreen and other technology to enhance their faith formation and other programs.

**Saint George Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Faith Formation Grant** to send three staff members and their pastor to the Life Teen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention.

**Saint George Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$3,200 Education Grant** to support the purchase of a new sound system for the school cafeteria.

**Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA)** received a **\$4,000 Education Grant** to purchase a new sound system for the parish family room.

**Saint John Parish (Tidioute, PA)** received a **\$3,500 Education Grant** to purchase and upgrade technology for faith formation classes.

**Saint Joseph Parish (Sharon, PA)** received a **\$3,000 Faith Formation Grant** to purchase smart TVs, laptops, and other materials for faith formation classes.

**Saint Jude the Apostle Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$1,000 Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Grant** to support the purchase of a new piano.

**Saint Mary Parish (St. Marys, PA)** received a **\$1,000 Faith Formation Grant** to support their summer Vacation Bible School programming.

**Saint Mary Parish (St. Marys, PA)** received a **\$4,000 Education Grant** to send youth and chaperones to Catholic Heart Workcamp.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish (Corry, PA)** received a **\$1,500 Faith Formation Grant** to continue an in-progress upgrade to their technology for faith formation classes.

**Saint Tobias Parish (Brockway, PA)** received a **\$2,500 Education Grant** to support the parish Music & Mission Summer Kick-Off event featuring music duo The Scally Brothers.

**The Epiphany of the Lord Parish (Meadville, PA)** received a **\$2,300 Education Grant** to support their parish mission featuring Father James Sichko.



**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 19, 2024**. The next Faith Formation Grant cycle will open in early 2025. 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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