



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2025 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards Totaling \$78,600

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that eight Catholic Social Ministry grants totaling **\$78,600** were awarded to support eight 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.

2025 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards

Benedictine Sisters of Erie (Erie, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the Benedictine Peacemakers Program, a monastic immersion experience for women ages 22-30.

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (Erie, PA): \$15,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to provide emergency financial assistance and underwrite uninsured and underinsured counseling clients.

Prince of Peace Center (Farrell, PA): \$5,400 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant to support purchase of a point-of-sale system for the center's thrift store and boutique, and a **\$4,500 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant** to support Q Academy, which will provide mentoring and educational support to male youth in grades 7-12 without a father figure.

Saint Elizabeth Center (Oil City, PA): \$15,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to provide financial assistance to their clients to prevent or reestablish utility shut offs or evictions.

Saint Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community (Erie, PA): \$15,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to update and expand the space for the Saint Clare's Clothing Store, the parish's free clothes store.

Saint Patrick's Haven (Erie, PA): \$9,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to refurbish the storage area for guests' belongings and essential health and hygiene supplies.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish (Corry, PA): \$9,700 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to purchase essential meal containers and packaging supplies for Hearts & Hands: Cooking with Compassion, the parish's community meal outreach program.

Spirit led. Faith empowered.



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.

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