



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2025 Fall Education Grant Awards Totaling \$52,552

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that fifteen grants totaling **\$52,552** were awarded to support fifteen projects during its fall grant cycle. Funded by the Foundation's *Education Endowment*, 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.

2025 Fall Education Grant Awards

Diocese of Erie Communications Office received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** to support attendance at the Catholic Media Conference and new technology for evangelization efforts.

Diocese of Erie Office for Women Religious received a **\$1,000 Education Grant** to support the Catholic Rural Ministry in Oil City. This grant will assist in the purchase of materials for the sisters to provide spiritual enrichment programs and activities.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$13,800 Education Grant** to support Amazing Parish Leadership Summit participation and coaching for diocesan and parish teams.

Elk County Catholic School System (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$1,895 Education Grant** to purchase Wonder Workshop Dash robots and accessories as well as charging/storage carts for their STREAM curriculum.

Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA) received a **\$500 Education Grant** to support the purchase of materials and media for several courses and lectures for adult spiritual formation.

Mercyhurst Preparatory School (Erie, PA) received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** to support faculty and staff attendance at the Mercy Education Conference.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$3,500 Education Grant** to support costs associated with the Risen and Rooted Regional Catholic Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip.

Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA) received a **\$500 Education Grant** to support a bible study on the Gospel of Matthew.

Saint Joseph Parish (Sharon, PA) received a **\$1,000 Education Grant** to support Edge Social Nights for parish youth.

Saint Mark Parish (Emporium, PA) received a **\$800 Education Grant** to purchase spiritual books and DVDs for the parish library.

Saint Stephen De San Esteban Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$3,100 Education Grant** to support the purchase of Spanish bibles and catechisms for small groups and bible studies.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$1,400 Education Grant** to support a NET Ministries retreat for Kennedy Catholic High School students.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$6,000 Education Grant** to support student attendance at the Washington, D.C. March for Life.

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish (Meadville, PA) received a **\$10,000 Education Grant** to assist with costs associated with youth attending Catholic Heart Work Camp and Steubenville Youth Conference, including support for group activities surrounding the trips.

Villa Maria Cathedral Preparatory Catholic School System (Erie, PA) received a **\$1,557 Education Grant** to support a retreat day for Cathedral Preparatory School and Mother Teresa Academy faculty.



Be the spark! Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our *Education Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for this endowment 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 16, 2026**. 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.

More information about the Catholic Foundation may be found at
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