



Faith Formation Grant

2026 Guidelines and Criteria

Who Can Apply?

The Diocese of Erie (Offices) and Catholic Parishes in the Diocese

Grants are available for parish and/or diocesan-based parish faith formation projects that focus on:

- ❖ Projects that promote life-long faith formation activities
- ❖ Projects that welcome absentee and/or non-Catholics into the church
- ❖ Projects that promote faith formation through technology
- ❖ Projects that provide spiritual support to families, singles, youth, and young adults

Priority is given to:

- ❖ Parish-based projects
- ❖ Projects that have multiple funding sources and/or demonstrate sustainability when funding ends
- ❖ Projects that reach a wide audience or are collaborative across parishes
- ❖ Projects that are compatible with diocesan priorities
- ❖ Parishes and offices of the diocese who have not received a Faith Formation grant in the last funding cycle

The minimum grant award is \$500, and the maximum grant award is \$5,000.

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Requirements

- ❖ Pastor or diocesan office supervisor (if not the applicant) must be aware of the grant request and give their approval by signing the project endorsement form included in the application.
- ❖ Parishes or diocesan offices may only submit one Faith Formation Grant application per year. If more than one application per parish/diocesan office is submitted, all will be rejected.
- ❖ Funds are released to the parish or diocese only with a signed grant agreement on file at the Foundation.
- ❖ A follow up grant report from the grantee is required for every grant awarded by the Foundation.

Funding Exclusions**

<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Individuals❖ Capital campaigns/projects❖ Existing staff salaries❖ Emergency grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Faith formation projects not affiliated with a parish or diocesan office❖ Anything completed, purchased, or accomplished prior to date grants are awarded
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******This is not an exhaustive list. Catholic Foundation staff, grant committee, and Board of Directors will determine inclusions and exclusions.

How to Apply

Please review the guidelines and funding priorities outlined and consider if your project or program is a good fit. If so, you may submit your application online through the Catholic Foundation website: www.MyCatholicFoundation.org.

Questions? Contact Julia Cooney, Operations Director, at 814-824-1253 or jcooney@cfnwpa.org.