



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**

- 🕯 Individuals
- 🕯 Capital campaigns/projects
- 🕯 Existing staff salaries
- 🕯 Emergency grants
- 🕯 Faith formation projects not affiliated with a parish or diocesan office
- 🕯 Anything completed, purchased, or accomplished prior to date grants are awarded

****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.

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