



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2024 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards Totaling \$69,517

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 16 Catholic Social Ministry grants totaling **\$69,517** were awarded to support 14 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.

2024 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards

Anawim Ministries (Frenchville, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support their Circle of Care program, which provides immediate assistance to those in need.

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (Erie, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to fund advanced training for counselors, offset costs of providing low-cost counseling to clients, and improve accessibility to their services through offering bus passes to get to counseling and incentives upon completion of a treatment program.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc. (Erie, PA): \$1,600 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the Respect Life Conference in 2025, including speaker stipends, speaker travel expenses, and lunch for volunteers and participants.

Diocese of Erie Office for Women Religious: \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to supporting the work of Catholic Rural Ministry in Oil City, PA. The funds will provide financial assistance to meet basic needs such as rent and utilities and stabilize families who might be in crisis.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Mercer, PA): \$2,592 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to purchase database software to track those they assist through their food pantry and Walking with Moms in Need program.

Inner-City Neighborhood Art House (Erie, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to fund teacher stipends to increase class offerings, as well as purchase a storage cabinet for the adult classes.

Maria House Project (Erie, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support a new monthly health education program centered on the body being a temple of the Holy Spirit,

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additional devotionals and spiritual books, and personalized religious medals upon program completion.

Prince of Peace Center (Farrell, PA): \$5,000 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant to support their new program, Q Academy, which will provide mentoring and educational support to male youth in grades 7-12 without a father figure.

Queen of the World Parish (St. Marys, PA): \$2,050 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to fund the creation of a comfort care room for terminal patients and their families at the Penn Highlands Elk hospital.

Saint Boniface Parish (Kersey, PA): \$4,275 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to install a handicap entrance into the church.

Saint Elizabeth Center (Oil City, PA): \$6,570 Catholic Social Ministry Grant and a **\$3,430 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant** to purchase food for their food pantry and provide emergency assistance to those with utility shutoffs or evictions.

Saint Joseph Parish (Lucinda, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to purchase items to give out through their Walking with Moms in Need program.

Saint Patrick's Haven (Erie, PA): \$7,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to purchase supplies for those who stay at the haven, including food, health and hygiene products, and shelves to store these items.

Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network (Erie, PA): \$7,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support projects from the Connections Greater Little Italy Federal Hill Activation Plan, which includes hiring an AmeriCorps VISTA and installing signage and new pollinator plants.



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.

More information about the Catholic Foundation may be found at www.MyCatholicFoundation.org.

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