



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2024 Fall Education Grant Awards Totaling \$54,315**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that twelve grants totaling **\$54,315** were awarded to support twelve 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.

### **2024 Fall Education Grant Awards**

**All Saints Parish (Waterford, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** to purchase comfortable furniture for their education spaces so their youth can have areas that are less like a classroom and more like a community.

**DuBois Central Catholic School (DuBois, PA)** received a **\$5,600 Education Grant** to support retreat opportunities including guest speakers, retreat masters, and a chartered bus for a pilgrimage to Saint Peter Cathedral in Erie.

**Holy Redeemer Parish (Warren, PA)** received a **\$800 Education Grant** to purchase a subscription to Team Initiation, an organization dedicated to the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Youth.

**Our Lady of the Lake Parish (Edinboro, PA)** received a **\$17,900 Education Grant** to assist with costs associated with sending college students to the 2025 SEEK Conference.

**Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA)** received a **\$600 Education Grant** to purchase a subscription to the "Healing the Whole Person" video course as the basis for an eight-week spiritual study on healing and transformation.

**Saint Gregory Parish School (North East, PA)** received a **\$1,500 Education Grant** to purchase Boss Club's Personal Finance Christian Middle School curriculum for 30 students.

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**Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA)** received a **\$4,415 Education Grant** to assist with costs associated with youth attending Catholic Heart Work Camp.

**Saint Joseph Parish (Force, PA)** received a **\$750 Education Grant** to purchase new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reconciliation books and supplies for a party for the students, as well as supporting the parish's Formed.org subscription.

**Saint Jude the Apostle Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$6,000 Education Grant** to purchase materials to host a Spanish and English based bible study.

**Saint Mary Parish (St. Marys, PA)** received a **\$3,500 Education Grant** to cover the costs of training new presenters for their local Family Honor program, which has a focus on strengthening families through the teachings of Pope John Paul II and the virtue of chastity.

**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, including support for group activities surrounding the trip.

**Villa Maria Cathedral Preparatory Catholic School System (Erie, PA)** received a **\$1,250 Education Grant** to assist with the cost associated with hosting a NET retreat for students.



**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 17, 2025**. Grant guidelines, criteria, and grant cycle dates can be found at [www.MyCatholicFoundation.org](http://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.*

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