



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2024 Grant Awards Totaling \$195,197**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 50 grants totaling **\$195,197** were awarded to support 46 projects during its 2024 grant cycles. Funded by the Foundation's *Education Endowment*, *Faith Formation Endowment*, and *Catholic Social Ministry Endowment* as well as endowments established by individuals to carry out their charitable goals, these grants support a wide range of projects and needs and will have impact throughout the thirteen 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 Spring Grant Awards**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$1,800 Faith Formation Grant** to update their religious education space with new furniture and materials.

**Diocese of Erie Chancery** received a **\$7,280 Education Grant**, an **\$819 Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Pastoral Ministry Grant**, and a **\$1,901 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to send two laypersons and two clergy to receive training at the Pope Leo XIII Institute Summer Conference.

**Erie Catholic School System (Erie, PA)** received a **\$15,000 Education Grant** to support staff member attendance at the Partners in Mission 2024 Summer Institute Conference and to help defray the costs to hire a consultant to develop a strategic plan for the school system.

**Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA)** received a **\$2,415 Faith Formation Grant** to send three youth and chaperones to the Steubenville Conference in Steubenville, OH.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** to support a parishioner's training in spiritual direction.

**Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$3,000 Education Grant** to support sending youth and chaperones on a pilgrimage around the Diocese of Erie and surrounding area.

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**Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$4,000 Education Grant** to support parish leadership team attendance at the Amazing Parish training summit.

**Saint Boniface Parish (Kersey, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Faith Formation Grant** to purchase new faith formation curriculum books and RCIA handbooks.

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish (Smethport, PA)** received a **\$3,150 Education Grant** to purchase a touchscreen and other technology to enhance their faith formation and other programs.

**Saint George Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$2,000 Faith Formation Grant** to send three staff members and their pastor to the Life Teen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention.

**Saint George Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$3,200 Education Grant** to support the purchase of a new sound system for the school cafeteria.

**Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA)** received a **\$4,000 Education Grant** to purchase a new sound system for the parish family room.

**Saint John Parish (Tidioute, PA)** received a **\$3,500 Education Grant** to purchase and upgrade technology for faith formation classes.

**Saint Joseph Parish (Sharon, PA)** received a **\$3,000 Faith Formation Grant** to purchase smart TVs, laptops, and other materials for faith formation classes.

**Saint Jude the Apostle Parish (Erie, PA)** received a **\$1,000 Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Grant** to support the purchase of a new piano.

**Saint Mary Parish (St. Marys, PA)** received a **\$1,000 Faith Formation Grant** to support their summer Vacation Bible School programming.

**Saint Mary Parish (St. Marys, PA)** received a **\$4,000 Education Grant** to send youth and chaperones to Catholic Heart Workcamp.

**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish (Corry, PA)** received a **\$1,500 Faith Formation Grant** to continue an in-progress upgrade to their technology for faith formation classes.

**Saint Tobias Parish (Brockway, PA)** received a **\$2,500 Education Grant** to support the parish Music & Mission Summer Kick-Off event featuring music duo The Scally Brothers.

**The Epiphany of the Lord Parish (Meadville, PA)** received a **\$2,300 Education Grant** to support their parish mission featuring Father James Sichko.

## **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.

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**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, 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.

## 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.

**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!** The 2024 Catholic Foundation competitive grants were made possible through our *Education Endowment, Faith Formation Endowment, and Catholic Social Ministry Endowment*, as well as the *Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Endowment, Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Endowment, Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Endowment, and Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Endowment for Pastoral Ministry*. Donations in any amount designated for these funds increase our capacity to award grants for impactful projects 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.*

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