



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2025 Grant Awards Totaling \$214,586

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 45 grants totaling **\$214,586** were awarded to support 43 projects during its 2025 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.

2025 Spring Grant Awards

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$1,300** *Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant* to create a faith formation program for youth with disabilities.

DuBois Central Catholic School (DuBois, PA) received a **\$5,000** *Education Grant* to support the purchase of materials and training for project-based learning in STEM, science, design, and coding classes.

Erie Catholic School System (Erie, PA) received a **\$5,000** *Education Grant* to support the development of middle school elective curricula.

Gannon University (Erie, PA) received a **\$15,250** *Education Grant* to support college student attendance at FOCUS SEEK26 Conference.

Gannon University (Erie, PA) received a **\$1,000** *Education Grant* to support staff attendance at Called25 Conference.

Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA) received a **\$5,000** *Education Grant* to upgrade technology for parish faith formation programming.

Spirit led. Faith empowered.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (Mercer, PA) received a **\$4,300 Faith Formation Grant** to support Amazing Parish coaching for the pastor and parish leadership.

Queen of the World Parish (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$3,000 Faith Formation Grant** and a **\$1,100 Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Grant** to support the restoration and preservation of the parish's piano and organ.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish (Bradford, PA) received a **\$4,000 Faith Formation Grant** to support renovations to a faith formation meeting room.

Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA) received a **\$2,160 Education Grant** to purchase Smart TVs for faith formation classrooms.

Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA) received a **\$900 Faith Formation Grant** to offset the costs of bringing a replica of the Shroud of Turin to the diocese.

Saint George Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$1,000 Education Grant** and a **\$682 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to support the parish summer bible camp.

Saint Gregory Parish School (North East, PA) received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** to purchase Boss Club's Entrepreneurship Christian Middle School curriculum for students.

Saint Joseph Parish (Lucinda, PA) received a **\$1,500 Education Grant** to update classroom technology for faith formation.

Saint Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community (Erie, PA) received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** to support youth trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference.

Saint Mary Parish (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** to support a weeklong mission trip for youth through Catholic Heart Workcamp.

Saint Mary Parish (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$1,300 Faith Formation Grant** to support their summer Vacation Bible School program.

Seton Catholic School (Meadville, PA) received a **\$1,400 Education Grant** to support staff attendance at Partners in Mission conference.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$10,000 Education Grant** to support upgrades to Sister Margaret's Service Space, where students engage in community service projects.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$13,542 Faith Formation Grant** to support the diocesan-wide Confirmation retreat planned for the fall of this year.

2025 Catholic Social Ministry Grant Awards

Benedictine Sisters of Erie (Erie, PA): \$5,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to support the Benedictine Peacemakers Program, a monastic immersion experience for women ages 22-30.

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services (Erie, PA): \$15,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to provide emergency financial assistance and underwrite uninsured and underinsured counseling clients.

Prince of Peace Center (Farrell, PA): \$5,400 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant to support purchase of a point-of-sale system for the center's thrift store and boutique, and a **\$4,500 Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Grant** to support Q Academy, which will provide mentoring and educational support to male youth in grades 7-12 without a father figure.

Saint Elizabeth Center (Oil City, PA): \$15,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to provide financial assistance to their clients to prevent or reestablish utility shut offs or evictions.

Saint Joseph Parish/Bread of Life Community (Erie, PA): \$15,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to update and expand the space for the Saint Clare's Clothing Store, the parish's free clothes store.

Saint Patrick's Haven (Erie, PA): \$9,000 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to refurbish the storage area for guests' belongings and essential health and hygiene supplies.

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish (Corry, PA): \$9,700 Catholic Social Ministry Grant to purchase essential meal containers and packaging supplies for Hearts & Hands: Cooking with Compassion, the parish's community meal outreach program.

2025 Fall Education Grant Awards

Diocese of Erie Communications Office received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** to support attendance at the Catholic Media Conference and new technology for evangelization efforts.

Diocese of Erie Office for Women Religious received a **\$1,000 Education Grant** to support the Catholic Rural Ministry in Oil City. This grant will assist in the purchase of materials for the sisters to provide spiritual enrichment programs and activities.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$13,800 Education Grant** to support Amazing Parish Leadership Summit participation and coaching for diocesan and parish teams.

Elk County Catholic School System (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$1,895 Education Grant** to purchase Wonder Workshop Dash robots and accessories as well as charging/storage carts for their STREAM curriculum.

Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA) received a **\$500 Education Grant** to support the purchase of materials and media for several courses and lectures for adult spiritual formation.

Mercyhurst Preparatory School (Erie, PA) received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** to support faculty and staff attendance at the Mercy Education Conference.

Our Lady of Peace Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$3,500 Education Grant** to support costs associated with the Risen and Rooted Regional Catholic Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip.

Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish (North East, PA) received a **\$500 Education Grant** to support a bible study on the Gospel of Matthew.

Saint Joseph Parish (Sharon, PA) received a **\$1,000 Education Grant** to support Edge Social Nights for parish youth.

Saint Mark Parish (Emporium, PA) received a **\$800 Education Grant** to purchase spiritual books and DVDs for the parish library.

Saint Stephen De San Esteban Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$3,100 Education Grant** to support the purchase of Spanish bibles and catechisms for small groups and bible studies.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$1,400 Education Grant** to support a NET Ministries retreat for Kennedy Catholic High School students.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$6,000 Education Grant** to support student attendance at the Washington, D.C. March for Life.

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 and Steubenville Youth Conference, including support for group activities surrounding the trips.

Villa Maria Cathedral Preparatory Catholic School System (Erie, PA) received a **\$1,557 Education Grant** to support a retreat day for Cathedral Preparatory School and Mother Teresa Academy faculty.



Be the spark! The 2025 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*, and *Bishop Donald W. Trautman "Feed My Sheep" Endowment*. 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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