



*From a spark to a flame!*

## **Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2025 Spring Grant Awards Totaling \$83,434**

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 22 grants totaling **\$83,434** were awarded to support 20 projects during its spring grant cycles. Funded by the Foundation's *Education Endowment* and *Faith Formation Endowment* as well as endowments established by individuals to carry out their charitable goals, 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 responsibly 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.

**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.

*Spirit led. Faith empowered.*

**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.



**Be the spark!** Catholic Foundation competitive grants are made possible through our *Education Endowment* and *Faith Formation Endowment*. Donations in any amount designated for these endowments increase our capacity to award grants for impactful Catholic education and faith formation needs throughout northwest Pennsylvania today and for future generations.

**How to apply?** The Education Grant fall cycle will open **August 11, 2025**. The next Faith Formation Grant cycle will open in early 2026. 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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