



From a spark to a flame!

Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Announces 2026 Spring Grant Awards Totaling \$65,866

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that 24 grants totaling **\$65,866** 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 funds 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.

2026 Spring Grant Awards

Christ the King Parish (Houtzdale, PA) received a **\$1,250 Faith Formation Grant** to support a performance of "Sermon on the Mount" and "Hollywood vs. Faith" by Frank Runyeon.

Diocese of Erie Chancery received a **\$9,000 Education Grant** to support attendance at the Pope Leo XIII Institute Summer Conference.

Diocese of Erie Chancery received a **\$1,500 Education Grant** to support attendance at the annual Canon Law Society of America national meeting.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$6,000 Education Grant** to support Creighton NaPro Medical Consultant training.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$3,780 Faith Formation Grant** and a **\$690 Bishop Donald W. Trautman 'Feed My Sheep' Grant** to support the startup of a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program with training for catechists, renting space, and materials needed to set up the space.

DuBois Central Catholic School (DuBois, PA) received a **\$3,000 Education Grant** to purchase Promethean interactive display boards and provide related teacher training.

Spirit led. Faith empowered.

Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA) received a **\$2,000 Education Grant** and a **\$1,316 Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Grant** to support attendance at the National Pastoral Musicians convention “Forever We Will Sing.”

Holy Spirit Parish (DuBois, PA) received a **\$1,500 Faith Formation Grant** to support faith formation student attendance at Damascus Summer Camp.

Immaculate Conception Parish (Brookville, PA) received a **\$1,500 Faith Formation Grant** to support the purchase of new technology, classroom materials, retreats, and group activities for faith formation students.

Queen of the World Parish (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$1,000 Faith Formation Grant** to assist in enhancing the educational technology utilized by all members of the parish.

Saint Francis Xavier Parish (McKean, PA) received a **\$1,500 Bishop Donald W. Trautman ‘Feed My Sheep’ Grant** to purchase resources to help promote vocations in the parish.

Saint James Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** and a **\$5,000 Richard J. Buseck and Sally M. Buseck Grant** to support a weeklong mission trip for youth through Catholic Heart Workcamp.

Saint James Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$2,500 Faith Formation Grant** to support their summer Vacation Bible School programming.

Saint James Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$1,300 Education Grant** to support attendance at the Road to Emmaus Spiritual Director Training Program.

Saint John the Baptist Parish (Erie, PA) received a **\$2,000 Faith Formation Grant** to support a parish mission, “60 Minutes for Jesus” with Father Jim Sichko.

Saint Mark Parish (Emporium, PA) received a **\$4,430 Education Grant** to support the purchase of new computers for faith formation and a new tablet for music ministry.

Saint Mary Parish (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$2,500 Education Grant** and a **\$2,500 Richard J. Buseck and Sally M. Buseck Grant** to support a weeklong mission trip for youth through Catholic Heart Workcamp.

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

Saint Mary Parish (Saint Marys, PA) received a **\$600 Education Grant** to support the purchase of a TV and cart for faith formation and small group activities.

Shenango Valley Catholic School System (Hermitage, PA) received a **\$5,000 Education Grant** to purchase new reading materials for students in grades 6-12.

Diocese of Erie Office of Faith Formation received a **\$14,517 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 10, 2026**. The next Faith Formation Grant cycle will open in early 2027. Grant guidelines, criteria, and grant cycle dates can be found at 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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