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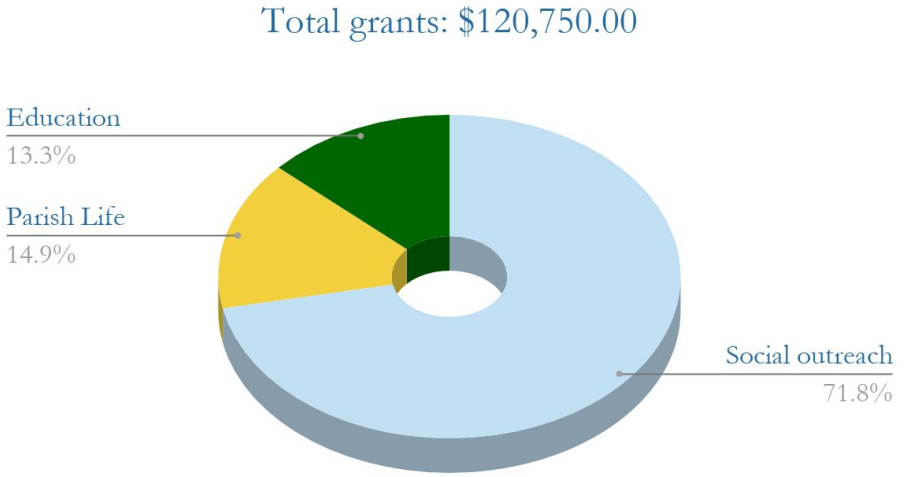
2020 Grant Distribution

Annually the Catholic Foundation offers a competitive granting process to distribute a percentage of returns from our field of interest funds. Individuals or families, named or otherwise, can support these funds to benefit their communities today and for future generations.

In 2020, the third year for distributions, we awarded $120,750 in grants to Southeast Michigan parishes, schools and community nonprofit organizations. Thirty-three grants were offered to 33 organizations in amounts up to $5,000, with one at $10,000.



2020 Grant Recipient Most Holy Redeemer is using their grant award to fund the "Del Dolor a la Gracia / "Grief to Grace" program, a Christ-centered retreat facilitated by metal health professionals and volunteers in Spanish. The objective is to bring healing and freedom to people who have been victims of abuse.

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Building Vibrant Parish Life

Our parish is where we encounter Christ, in the sacraments and as the people in our faith community. It's where we worship, learn, and serve. It's our home and it is our privilege to create a strong parish environment.

15% of total grants awarded

5 grants awarded

Organization	Program	Description	Award Amount
Most Holy Redeemer Parish	"Del Dolor a la Gracia" Ministry	"Grief to Grace" is a Christ-centered retreat facilitated by metal health professionals and volunteers in Spanish to bring healing and freedom to people who have been victims of abuse.	**$5,000**
St. Aloysius Church	Parish Engagement and Outreach	Connect and identify the charisms of current parishioners and assist in an overall marketing & communication strategy to reach young adult professionals living in the community.	**$2,500**
St. Augustine. St. Monica Church	St. Augustine St. Monica Distanced Evangelization	Expand current efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ within the parish area, in an initially socially distanced way, and create more opportunities for people to become a part of the community where they can receive the Gospel in their hearts.	**$5,000**
St. Gabriel Parish	Flor y Canto Project	Support music program for children and adults to be evangelized and catechized through reflection on words of the songs and their important place in worship.	**$5,000**
St. Lucy Church	Fanning the Flame	Nurture parents as disciples who can nurture disciples in their homes, their families, in their neighborhoods and their communities.	**$500**

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Fostering Catholic Education and Formation

Catholic education encompasses all types of faith formation for people of every age. We encourage all stages of educational and spiritual development to enhance vibrant discipleship.

13% of total grants awarded

6 grants awarded

Organization	Program	Description	Award Amount
Cathedral Choir Academy of Detroit*	Cathedral Choir Academy of Detroit	Support operating expenses to continue forming the young church of Detroit through experiences in sacred music and Catholic liturgy.	**$5,000**
Catholic Youth Organization*	CYO Missionary Discipleship Experience	Bring middle school children closer to Christ by fostering an ongoing relationship with them in the parishes after they leave summer camp.	**$2,500**
Detroit Cristo Rey High School*	Work Study Program	Provide a real-life work experience for every student. Students build the knowledge, skills, and self-confidence to be successful in higher education, workplace and in life.	**$2,500**
Jesuit Volunteer Corps	Building Great Souled Persons	Provide retreats for Jesuit Volunteers in the Detroit area to solidify and deepen their formation experience.	**$2,500**
La Casa Guadalupana*	La Casa Guadalupana	Provide support for elementary school children who are significantly behind grade expectations due to loss of educational input during the pandemic.	**$2,500**
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School	Building Disciples at OLGC Parish School	Collaboration with Be Love Revolution and Zion for presentation to 7th and 8th graders of times of prayer and worship, practical teaching, testimonies and retreats in the fall and late spring.	**$1,000**

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Empowering Social Outreach

Our Gospel call is to respond to vital social service needs such as food, shelter, medicine for the sick, hope for the despairing and vulnerable within our community.

72% of total grants awarded

22 grants awarded

Organization	Program	Description	Award Amount
Camp Sancta Maria	High Ropes Adventure Course Zip Line	Replacement of zip lines that are used to train and empower campers to use clear and consistent communication, set personal goals, confront and overcome fears, and rely on a community for support and guidance.	$2,500
Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School+	Cardinal Mooney Outreach	Hire consultant to gather information to create a strategic plan that will locate, identify and enable organizations to serve the Hispanic population located within the Blue Water vicariate.	$1,250
Christ the King Service Corps*	Essential Young Adults	Recruit and support volunteers as they become residents of the parish community.	$5,000
Felician Children's Center	Supporting Families during Covid-19	Programming with social distancing that prioritizes families of essential workers, foster children, and families living below poverty.	$2,500
Gianna House	TPHP	Support for teen mothers who have chosen life for their unborn child, including prenatal care, healthy food, and classes to assist with a healthy pregnancy and baby after birth.	$2,500
Guest House Inc.	Return to Work for Recovering Priests	Care of a mission priest who will be in treatment so he can return to work to spread the Gospel Word among the faithful.	$5,000
International Samaritan	Service Immersion Scholarship Program	Bring together low-income/underserved students from Metro-Detroit Catholic schools and individuals in developing countries.	$2,500

Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Oakland County	LOC Warehouse	Provide clothing to school-age children for the new school year and throughout the seasons.	**$5,000**
Life Remodeled	Durfee Innovation Society Operations	Support the launch of the DIS program to provide a dynamic environment for non-profit organizations and for-profit companies to share resources and collectively impact the community.	**$5,000**
Livingston County Cahtolic Charities	Christmas Blessing Project	Provide a food box, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, paper products and a Christmas gift to Livingston County low-income and homebound seniors.	**$3,000**
Mary's Mantle	Remote Programming	Provide laptops for four residents for remote learning, including parenting education, job search, completing high school diplomas or higher education.	**$2,000**
Pope Francis Center*	Nutrition Program	Bring in new volunteers and visitors to the church and provide exposure for the parish, as the need for providing food increases.	**$5,000**
Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order	Capuchin Soup Kitchen	Serve full-course, nutritious meals at two meal sites to hundreds of men, women, and children each day.	**$5,000**
Racquet Up Detroit	Academic Recovery & Support Program	Provide intensive academic support in the 2020-21 school year to address learning gaps as a result of school closures and inconsistent school-based learning.	**$2,500**
Selah's Center of Hope	Hope House	Provide maternity housing, education, and mentorship for social and physical health.	**$2,500**
Siena Literacy Center*	Technical Upgrade	Upgrade computers to support effective, efficient continuation of SLC's program, especially for ESL learners.	**$3,000**
St. Clare of Montefalco^	Unity in Diversity	Diversity and inclusion intervention with the adults connected to the parish and school and mature school children.	**$10,000**
St. Peter Claver Catholic Church*	Leaders in Motion/ Leaders on Mission	Expand outreach to youth and young adults to understand their needs and concerns, and give them opportunities to bring healing and reconciliation to a wounded world.	**$5,000**
Holy Trinity Parish*	"Women's Circles of Support" - Strangers No Longer	Build four additional immigrant-led circles that focus on work patterns: Education in the Parish, Accompaniment of Immigrants, and Advocacy for More Humane Policies/Practices.	**$5,000**
The Lennon Center	Maternal Help	Identify and assist pregnant and parenting mothers that are most at risk for prenatal and postpartum depression.	**$5,000**
The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy	Women of Jesus' Merciful Passion	Bible Study formation; spiritual direction classes; holy hospitality/food service training; education equipment; stipends for the priests, religious and church-	**$2,500**

	Formation & Development	approved teachings; and upcoming "Come and See" retreats for a new community, Women of Jesus' Merciful Passion	
Trinity Vicariate – Detroit	Men for Others	Prepare peer ministers to meet men in their brokenness, employing principles of Catholic faith to lead them to heal spiritually, emotionally, and relationally.	**$5,000**

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+ Denotes a St. Oscar Romero Grant for Hispanic ministries
^ Denotes a Spirit of Innovation Grant

St. Clare of Montefalco parish and school community was the first recipient of the Spirit of Innovation Grant and was awarded $10,000 for their Unity in Diversity program. The project aims to bring various communities within the school and parish together around acknowledging and celebrating their differences through diversity and inclusion training.