FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What will the grant dollars fund?
The grant provides funding to build and foster inclusive education programs that promote human dignity of all of God's children as outlined by Catholic teaching. This includes teacher salaries, trainings, and facility support. Student tuition is not included as part of this grant.

What type of schools will be funded by this grant?
Schools must be K-12 Catholic Schools located in Michigan that fully embody an inclusive culture with support and collaboration among the school community.

What is the criteria for student admission for a funded program?
The grant is intended to benefit students who have been traditionally excluded from Catholic education, including those with Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, or other significant learning difference.

How many grants will you be awarding?
The grant will support 1-2 schools annually in the first year. An additional 2-4 schools possible in subsequent years.

How can schools apply? When does the process open?
Interested schools should visit the Catholic Foundation website for details about the application process that starts annually in May.

Is this a one time or recurring grant? How much will be granted?
This is a 2 year grant of up to $50,000 per year, renewable. The goal is for the programs to become self-sufficient.

How will the programs be evaluated year to year?
Annually, schools will provide follow up to share collected learnings and best practices with the Foundation and Catholic community.

Is this for new programs or existing programs?
New and existing programs are welcome to apply.

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