



## Granting Guidelines

### About the Fund

The St. Margaret of Castello Grant provides endowed grant funding to support k-12 special education in Michigan Catholic Schools in a manner that promotes human dignity of all of God's children as outlined by Catholic teaching (see Bishop's [USCCB Guidelines](#)).

In addition to the Catholic Foundation Guidelines, the below guidelines will be followed:

### School Applicants Must:

- Be a K-12 Catholic school located in Michigan
- Define program that is specific to students that have been traditionally excluded from Catholic education because of their significant disability and/or special needs.
- Identify a student(s) or parishioner(s) who require(s) assistance and would benefit from an inclusion program
- Dedicated director with degree in special education or applicable experience
- School is committed to initial and ongoing professional development for staff tailored to school's needs and the needs of the student(s)
- Embody an "All In" culture with support and collaboration among ALL team members (administrators, school staff, pastor, families, and parish community) to embrace inclusion
- Have a dedicated room/space for students that utilizes best practices for school inclusion programs
- Exhibit a willingness for key personnel to spend at least 30 hours of professional development learning per year

### Preference will be given to schools that:

- Catholic schools in Southeast Michigan
- Demonstrated plan for sustained fundraising and growth of the program

### Application Information - Application requirements and/or questions will include:

- Online letter of intent and written application, and in person meeting
- Inclusion program budget required

### Decisions and Timeline

- Granting will take place as a function of the Grant and Impact Committee of the Catholic Foundation Board of Directors. The specific timeline will be determined annually by the committee.
- This is a 2 year grant up to \$50,000 per year, renewable. The goal is for programs to become self-sufficient
- Programs will provide annual follow-up reports to share collected learnings and best practices

### 2023 Proposed Timeline

- Outreach: March – June 1st
- School meetings: June – August
- Applications Due: July 31
- School interviews: August - September