St. Margaret of Castello
Endowed Granting Fund

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

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