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2025 GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

$206K

TOTAL GRANTED

Annually, the Catholic Foundation offers dynamic grants from our field of interest funds: empowering **social outreach**, building **vibrant parish life,** and fostering **education and formation**.

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COMPETITIVE GRANTING FUNDS

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COMMUNITY MINISTRY PARTNERS

2025 COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	PROJECT DETAILS	GRANT AWARD
CHURCH IN THE CITY GRANT			
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT	Detroit Catholic Campus Ministry	Welcome Week programming (Mass on the Grass, welcome events, service days, and campus tabling) helps freshmen build friendships, encounter Christ, and find a spiritual home. Daily evangelization and free meals support the transition to college.	$5,000
CATHEDRAL CHOIR ACADEMY	Archdiocesan Detroit Youth Choir	Launches new school choirs and strengthens existing programs through weekly instruction, collaborative workshops, and annual choral festival. Students learn while building community across schools and expands access in underserved areas.	$5,000
CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT	Proclaiming Christ Live Theatre	Professional, Gospel-centered theatre performances hosted at the Cathedral to make Scripture tangible and memorable. Productions engage students and parish communities in an artistic encounter with the Word.	$2,500
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN	Project Hope: Center for the Works of Mercy	Supports hours of case management for pregnant mothers in need, including counseling, parenting education, prenatal referrals, and material support. Also support a new baby pantry strengthens wraparound care coordinated with the Cathedral parish community.	$5,000
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL	Finding Jesus: How My Life Changed	Expands classroom faith formation with guided prayer and Eucharistic Adoration so students experience Christ's peace and presence. Practices of silent meditation and reflection support mental and emotional well-being.	$4,000
DETROIT CRISTO REY HS	CWSP Non-Profit Position	Supports student work-study role for nonprofit, joining service to professional skill-building and Catholic values. The placement advances access to Catholic education while forming Gospel-rooted character.	$3,000
GESU CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL	Reduction of Cafeteria Food Waste	Student-led sustainability has reduced cafeteria waste by over 90% since 2022, diverting more than 25 tons from landfills. Seventh and eighth graders will mentor other schools, sharing tools and best practices for composting and sorting. The project models integral ecology and care for creation.	$5,000
HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL	Growing as Disciples of Jesus Through Mary	Forms a middle-school leadership team in Marian discipleship—humility, trust, and a wholehearted 'yes' to God. Student leaders mentor younger peers and witness to the Gospel in school life.	$5,000
MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL	Blended Learning Curriculum	Completes a multi-year rollout of the blended learning model begun with LMU's iDEAL Institute partnership. Flexible desks and literacy tools enable small-group instruction and personalized learning.	$5,000

PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH OF THE CAPUCHIN ORDER	Capuchin Soup Kitchen	Supports food purchases to meet rising demand at kitchens and the Services Center pantry. The ministry's century-long mission feeds, clothes, and accompanies neighbors with dignity.	$3,000
SIENA LITERACY CENTER	Technical Upgrade	Upgrades computers and software for ESL, GED prep, and workforce instruction at the St. Suzanne/Cody Rouge site. Learners gain digital fluency and credentials that improve employment possibilities.	$5,000
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - DETROIT	Adventure Catechesis	Immersive outdoor activities for Camp Ozanam connect Scripture to life through teamwork, leadership, and reflection (e.g., an Exodus map-and-compass quest) -focused support for campers from Detroit.	$5,000
SS. PETER AND PAUL JESUIT CHURCH	Living Faith Doing Justice: A Podcast for the City	A parish-produced podcast highlights Detroiters living their Catholic faith through service and justice. Episodes and live conversations invite both parishioners and seekers to see faith at work beyond church walls.	$2,000
ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH	City Evangelization for Low-Income Seniors	Year-round outreach provides groceries, seasonal produce, hot meals, hygiene items, and prayerful accompaniment for seniors and neighbors experiencing homelessness.	$3,000
TRINITY VICARIATE: DETROIT	Igniting Faith	Creates youth-oriented Catholic content across social media, podcasts, blogs, and vlogs. Story-driven posts and visuals invite dialogue and belonging while communicating core teachings. Collaboration with SS. Peter & Paul.	$2,500
U OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL & ACADEMY	Labre Ministry Expansion	The ministry forms servant leaders who encounter Christ in the poor. Students prepare and share meals, hygiene kits, and essential gear with people living unsheltered in downtown Detroit.	$5,000
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY	People's Path to Wellness	Support a faith-based wellness initiative in Detroit's Fitzgerald and Martin Park neighborhoods that empowers residents to lead community health efforts. Through prayer, leadership training, and workshops, the project builds trust and spiritual grounding while uniting Jesuit and Mercy values with practical health education.	$5,000
SPIRIT OF INNOVATION GRANT			
GUESTHOUSE, INC.	Silence to Support	Support the launch of *From Silence to Support* in the Archdiocese of Detroit—a free parish education program equipping clergy and lay leaders to respond to addiction and mental health challenges with faith and compassion. Through multimedia tools and training, the program helps parishes accompany individuals and families, reduce stigma, and foster healing. The pilot will create a scalable model for parishes to become centers of hope and pastoral care, rooted in Catholic teaching.	$5,000

LAUDAUTO SI GRANT			
ST. EDITH CATHOLIC SCHOOL	St. Francis Garden	The St. Francis Garden will engage 3rd graders in hands-on learning about *Laudato Si'* by creating a sustainable garden with native plants and vegetables and learn from other Catholic students to reduce cafeteria food waste for school.	$5,000
SANCTITY OF LIFE GRANT			
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF JACKSON, LENAWEE & HILLSDALE COUNTIES	Children's Trauma Assessment Center	Provides compassionate neurodevelopmental testing and care for children who have experienced trauma. The program affirms the sanctity of every life by helping young people heal, build resilience, and reclaim hope.	$5,000
IMPACT: CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION GRANT			
ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY	Iliad Athletics	Support a faith-informed physical education program that integrates fitness, orienteering, and problem solving to promote wellness and virtue.	$1,000
IMPACT: SOCIAL OUTREACH GRANT			
ST. PATRICK CHURCH	Motor City Mission Trip	Engages youth in weeklong service across Detroit, Flint, and Pontiac—combining acts of service with faith, friendship, and reflection. The project nurtures servant leadership and inspires young Catholics to live their faith in action.	$5,000
WAYNE COUNTY JAIL OUTREACH MINISTRY	Hope for the Incarcerated	Supports program expansion of reentry services by providing legal assistance and education pathways for returning citizens.	$5,000
ST. LUKE N.E.W. LIFE CENTER	Food Truck Outreach	Supports six large-scale food distributions, providing up to 8,000 pounds of food per event to hundreds of families in need—extending Christ's compassion through tangible acts of service in Flint.	$5,000
HOPE MEDICAL CLINIC	Wash with Care Replacement	Supports replacements of aging washers and dryers in the clinic's free laundry facility, preserving a vital service that upholds dignity for hundreds in need.	$5,000
ST. MARGARET OF CASTELLO INCLUSION GRANT			
FR. GABRIEL RICHARD HS	Inclusive Catholic Education Program	Supports launch of program that provides students with cognitive impairments an authentic Catholic education while forming peers in empathy and service.	$50,000
ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL	In 'His" Image: Inclusive Education	Supports year two programming for inclusive Catholic education benefitting students with significant learning differences.	$50,000