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# ST. MARGARET OF CASTELLO GRANTING FUND

To **champion** inclusion in Catholic education,
**empower** schools to fully welcome and support every learner, and
**ignite** hope in the hearts of students and their families across Michigan.

## SCHOOL READINESS CHECKLIST

Thank you for your interest in applying to the St. Margaret of Castello Grant!

Before you apply, we encourage your school team to reflect on the following. This checklist is designed to help determine readiness to support inclusive education for students with significant disabilities and special needs.

- ☐ K-12 Catholic School in Michigan
- ☐ Has an existing, school-wide inclusion model and system that is integrated across the school, with a clear plan to expand OR a desire to establish one
- ☐ Model supports students that have been traditionally excluded from Catholic education because of their significant disability and/or special needs
- ☐ Has identified and/or admitted student(s) who require assistance or has a clear plan to identify and serve these students
- ☐ Has a dedicated director with degree in special education who is experienced and equipped to lead school-wide efforts and support new students
- ☐ Committed to ensure that key personnel will spend at least 30 hours annually in professional development
- ☐ Embodies an "All In" culture with support and collaboration among ALL team members *(administrators, school staff, pastor, families, and parish community)*
- ☐ Dedicated room and space for students that utilizes best practices for school inclusion programs
- ☐ Has a demonstrated plan for sustained fundraising and growth of the program

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## HOW TO APPLY

**If your school has a clear, defined plan to meet the St. Margaret of Castello Granting Fund criteria and is ready to move forward:**

- Reach out to the Catholic Foundation of Michigan to start a conversation
- Attend a grant workshop to learn more about the application process
- Review the grant application timeline and apply at: **www.CatholicFoundationMichigan.org/Castello**

## GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

*Opens June 1*
**Step One**

Submit an online **Letter of Intent** to determine eligibility.

*Early July*
**Step Two**

Eligible applicants are invited to submit a **Grant Application.**

*Mid Summer*
**Step Three**

Attend a **Summer Workshop** to strengthen your grant application.

*August 31st*
**Step Four**

Finalize and submit grant application by the deadline.

## ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN

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