



# Catholic Foundation

*for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc.*

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### **Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay Awards \$4.6 Million in Grants and Distributions**

GREEN BAY, Wis. (June 10, 2019) – The Catholic Foundation has made available \$4.6 million in distributions supporting Catholic ministries and causes in the areas of education, service, and ministry. Through more than 130 grants, individuals and organizations are supported in inspiring our youth, forming church leaders, and meeting the needs of those struggling in our communities.

For more than 20 years, the Catholic Foundation has been impacting lives within the 16 counties of northeastern Wisconsin which make up the Diocese of Green Bay. During this time, the Foundation has distributed nearly \$40 million to support Catholic schools, parishes and other Catholic organizations.

“Each year through grants and distributions, the Catholic Foundation is able to help many people across northeastern Wisconsin. We are pleased to support young people discover Jesus by providing tuition assistance to kids in Catholic schools. We also care for those in need by supporting the social services of Catholic Charities and organizations that aim to end homelessness. Through our grant making process the Foundation supports our parishes, Catholic schools and other Catholic organizations that help people discover Jesus,” shared Josh Diedrich, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation. “These grants and distributions are only made possible through the generosity of many people. For this I am grateful.”

Grants and distributions are awarded based on an application process. The next opportunity to submit applications will be in October 2019. For more information about the grants and distributions, please visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org) or call 920-272-8181.

### **Following are examples of grants recently funded by the Catholic Foundation in the Fox Valley:**

**Youth Ministry and Alpha Programs** - St. Bernadette Parish in Appleton received a \$1,500 Advancing the Mission Evangelization Endowment grant from the Catholic Foundation to support two needs identified through their parish mission planning process. Reigniting the middle and high school youth ministry programs and expanding the Alpha program has allowed them to reach the different age levels within the parish. By creating strong bonds within the parish, they will be able to extend their efforts to families and community members outside the parish walls and bring Christ to a world in need of faith and hope.

**Community Outreach Temporary Services (COTS, Inc.)** – Community Outreach Temporary Services is a non-profit organization that aims to end homelessness in the Fox Cities by enabling individuals to transition to self-sufficiency and independent living, and unify families. COTS received a \$700 Catholic Foundation Endowment Grant to continue critical programming and enhance their efforts to address multi-faceted barriers to independence, such as mental health issues, unemployment, substance abuse issues, social isolation, and high housing costs. Treating all people with dignity and respect, COTS is the “bridge” from crisis care to permanent independent living for those experiencing homelessness.

**Middle School Youth Jam** – Youth Jam is a collaborative effort among the Fox Valley Catholic Youth Ministers Association (FVCYMA) and many parishes throughout the Diocese of Green Bay. Open to any middle school student within the diocese, the goal of this conference is to reach the often-overlooked sixth,

seventh, and eighth grade population and provide an opportunity for them to encounter Christ. The day is designed to be simple and engaging and has grown to incorporate a service component the past few years, encouraging the students to work in their parish groups and look at the needs of the community around them. Youth Jam received a \$500 Advancing the Mission Evangelization Endowment grant from the Catholic Foundation which reaches 300-500 middle school students each year, along with the high school volunteers, catechists, youth ministers, and parents that attend.

Grants through the Catholic Foundation help foster households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. To learn more about how you can leave legacy to impact your community, call 920-272-8181 or visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org) today.

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**About the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay:** For more than 20 years, the Catholic Foundation has been encouraging financial generosity through faith-based giving. As a full service foundation, the Catholic Foundation focuses on Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries by helping families with all their giving needs. Through the generous support of many people, nearly \$40 million has been distributed to impact thousands of people's lives throughout northeastern Wisconsin. Gifts are used to help people discover, follow, worship, and share Jesus. To learn more, please visit our website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org), call 920-272-8181 or email [catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org](mailto:catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org).

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