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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:**

**Project Lead The Way** – Empowering students to thrive in an evolving world, St. Nicholas Catholic School in Freedom received a \$2,000 Advancing the Mission Lifelong Catechesis grant from the Catholic Foundation to implement Project Lead The Way. Through staff training and program modules, students will be engaged in cross-disciplinary activities that spark a lifelong love of learning and build knowledge and skills in areas including computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. STEM activities will help students develop essential skills such as problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration, perseverance, and ultimately, find more ways to be disciples of Christ through their learning and career paths.

**Community Family Fun Nights** – The past three years, St. Mary Parish in Algoma hosted Family Fun Nights for the community that offered a safe place for children to engage in activities, play, and share snacks with others in the school gym (about 75-125 children attending, mainly ages 2-12). This year, St. Mary’s received a \$1,000 Advancing the Mission Evangelization Endowment grant from the Catholic Foundation to offer Catholic speakers, mini retreats, and faith-building activities for adults/parents while their children are having fun in the gym. Their goal is to create an environment where families feel comfortable, start conversations, answer questions, be welcoming to those who may never have been part of the Catholic Church, and encourage non-Catholics to explore our faith.

**Community Formation** – Between hosting events for the youth and young adults and engaging the parents of religious education students, St. Joseph Parish in Wautoma received a \$1,000 Advancing the Mission Evangelization Endowment grant from the Catholic Foundation to help create inclusive parish programming. With a multi-pronged effort of community formation and refurbishing one of their current spaces, the parish will host social events, small group sessions, and a parish mission to activate multiple age groups and families as a whole in deepening their relationship with Jesus.

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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