



Catholic Foundation

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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 or call 920-272-8181.

Following are examples of grants recently funded by the Catholic Foundation in the Green Bay area:

CatholicLink – CatholicLink, a partnership among GRACE (Green Bay Area Catholic Education), Notre Dame Academy, and St. Norbert College, received a \$7,500 Advancing the Mission Leadership Development Endowment grant from the Catholic Foundation to support the launch of a mission-driven leadership development program for Catholic school leaders and teachers. The first program cohort will be in August 2019 and includes assessment, immersion, coaching, cohort, and networking components for a comprehensive, results-driven approach to developing strong leaders. Following immersion, the participants will continue in a 12-month cohort. A network, utilizing an existing platform will be developed for the participants to stay connected during and beyond their program. The potential for positive impact on our Catholic schools and their communities, and thus the entire diocese, is significant.

Hmong Catholic Community Retreat – With the goal of gathering Catholic Hmong families together for a weekend retreat, the Hmong Catholic Community received a \$2,000 Advancing the Mission Lifelong Catechesis grant from the Catholic Foundation. The annual retreat helps families grow, learn about their faith, and spend time together as a community. A minority of a minority, there are between 100,000 and 140,000 Hmong in the United States of which an estimated 10 percent are Catholics; an important aspect of this retreat is the multigenerational setting, to pass on the shared faith and culture.

GBYC (Green Bay Youth Conference) – Many parishes cannot afford the out-of-state youth conferences, and the diocesan Office of Child and Youth Faith Formation received a \$1,000 Advancing the Mission Evangelization Endowment grant from the Catholic Foundation to provide a localized version of these large, dynamic conferences. As more parishes, Catholic high schools, and other faith-based organizations are looking for ways to evangelize their teens in a tangible way, this conference aims to give high school students not only an experience of God, but a life-changing conversion moment so that they can go back into their world and share their experience with their peers and communities. Reaching between 750-1,000 teens and held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the speakers, musicians, and other leaders will foster this mindset in order to build up the high school students as missionary disciples.

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 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, call 920-272-8181 or email catholicfoundation@gbdioc.org.

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