



MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors, Youth Ministers, Directors / Coordinators of Religious Education

From: Foundations in Faith, Carol Incarnacao-Schirm, Grant Manager

Date: February 1, 2023

Re: **Program Support Application Window – New Platform for Applicants and Grantees** | St. John Paul II Fund for Religious Education and Faith Formation

At Foundations in Faith, we recognize that invigorating faith formation, especially for children, teenagers, and young adults is at the heart of parish life throughout our Diocese.

The St. John Paul II Fund for Religious Education and Faith Formation supports parishes and diocesan organizations with **innovative approaches** to religious education and youth ministry programs. Since it was founded it has funded diverse programs typically running from September to June.

Pastors and ministry leaders in the Diocese of Bridgeport are invited to apply for grants up to \$10,000 in support of faith formation and religious education programs.

Application Window: Wednesday, February 15 to Friday, March 31

New Platform for Applicants and Grantees

In 2023, applicants will be required to create an account and submit applications via Foundations in Faith's **Grant Applicant Dashboard**.

- To create an account and log in: www.foundationsinfaith.org/grant-applicant-login
- To apply: www.foundationsinfaith.org/ps-app

Details matter—include specific and measurable goals.

Numbers matter too—a descriptive, itemized budget is required.

Questions? Assistance? Contact Carol Incarnacao-Schirm, Grant Manager at 203-416-1393 or carol.incarnacao-schirm@foundationsinfaith.org



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GRANT APPLICANT DASHBOARD

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Welcome to the Foundations in Faith Grant Application dashboard!

Before you get started with your application for funding, please know that you must represent a Catholic Church, organization or program of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT.

If you meet the criteria above, click on [My Account](#) on the top right corner of the page to fill in or update your contact information.

Now you're ready to apply for one of our grants.

First, select from the grant options below by clicking the [Apply](#) button. If you're not sure for which grant your parish or organization is eligible, please click on the [Grant Types](#) button above for more information or email kelly.weldon@foundationsinfaith.org for help.

Once in the application, you'll describe your project then provide a budget.

We suggest compiling this information ahead of time so you'll be ready to complete the application at once as you'll not be able to return to it after it's submitted.

Come back to this page to check on the status of your submitted applications below under [My Applications](#)

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PROGRAM SUPPORT GRANTS

Competitive grants with a yearly application cycle that are open to Diocesan programs, parishes and ministries, provided they meet other grant criteria. Program support grants are available through the [John Paul II Fund for Religious Education and Faith Formation](#), the [St. Catherine Center for Special Needs Fund](#), the [St. Theresse Fund for Evangelization](#), and the [The Lourdes Fund](#). Application open Feb. 15th - close April 1st.

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GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS

Non-competitive grants with a yearly grant cycle are available by invitation only based on recommendations from the Curia aligning with strategic visions and Diocesan priorities. General operating support grants are donor designated and for Retired Priests, Office of Vocations, Seminarians, Superintendent's Office for Catholic Schools and Faith Formation. Applications open Feb. 1st - close March 15th.

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SFX GRANTS FOR MISSIONARY PARISHES

SFX grants are available to nine specific urban missionary parishes that qualify and meet the criteria identified by the Curia. Grants focus on a partnership approach to building capacity by responding to immediate needs, technology & communications enhancements, strategies for fiscal stability, and strengthening ministries and evangelization efforts. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

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MINI GRANTS

Mini-grants are competitive and by invitation only, the funding range is between \$500 to \$2,000 and are awarded to Parish and program ministries demonstrating exceptional innovation and/or exceptional need. They are available through all nine of Foundations in Faith's funds. Please contact Foundations in Faith for more information and to pitch your innovative ideas. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis so long as funding is available.

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