

Application Process

- A. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Education, the Department of Religious Education or the Catholic Schools Office:

St. Mark Catholic Center

P.O. Box 10397

Erie, PA 16514-0397

Forms are also available at the Diocesan Web Site:

www.erieRCD.org

- B. Completed forms must be returned to the Vicar for Education at the above address before January 1st, April 1st, July 1st or October 1st.
- C. Final review of all application will be done by the Education and Formation Endowments Board.
- D. Applicants will be notified about their request approximately one month from the above dates.



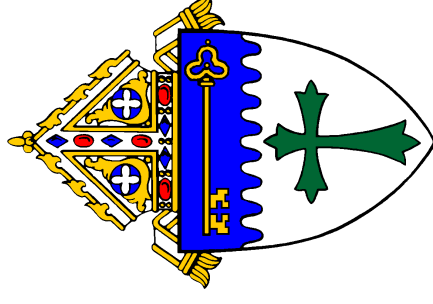
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The availability of these Endowments is due to the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Erie, in particular their kindness in donating to the Share His Gifts His Mission Capital Campaign of 1984, the yearly Catholic Education Collection and the recent Capital Stewardship Campaign.



A Small Christian Community and the RCIA Conference was sponsored with help from the Education and Formation Endowments.

EDUCATION and FORMATION ENDOWMENTS



**Roman Catholic
Diocese
of
Erie**

My Dear Friends,

A commitment to quality in ministry is vital to the Church as we move deeper into the third millennium of Christianity. The Church faces many challenges in our society and it is essential to our community of faith to have ministers pursue various kinds of educational opportunities in order to better understand their ministerial responsibility in the parish. Catechists, Catholic school teachers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers and many others who are called to serve our parishes need to have proper training to carry out this work.

I am grateful for the generosity of the people of our Diocese in establishing the Education and Formation Endowments through "Share His Gifts His Mission," the yearly *Catholic Education Collection* and the recent *Capital Stewardship Campaign*. I pledge that these funds will continue to support the education of ministers in our Diocese so that together we may successfully meet our call to make Jesus Christ known in the world and to promote the building of the People of God.

The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, S.T.D., S.S.L.

Bishop of Erie



I. Statement of Purpose

The Church today is aware that there is a definite need for opportunities which enrich the appreciation and understanding of our Catholic faith and heritage. These Endowments were established as a practical means to provide the financial resources for meeting those needs.

II. Types of Grants Available

A). LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This Fund will consider requests for professional education and training specifically related to leadership skills in the area of faith formation or administration.

B). CREATIVE PROJECT IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

This Fund will consider requests for creative start up projects to enhance the quality of religious formation in parishes and schools. (typically one time grants)

C). LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

This Fund will consider requests to attend formation opportunities such as conferences, workshops and spiritual formation opportunities. Persons receiving money from this Fund must state how the information gained will benefit some larger group in the parish or Diocese.

D). TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION

This Fund will consider grants for hardware and software that will primarily impact religious education programs and Catholic schools in the Diocese.

III. Who Can Apply

All staff members and ministers within diocesan parishes, schools and institutions are eligible to apply for grants from these funds. In the case of students enrolled in course work, complete information must be provided including the expected degree and date of completion. In cases of parish, school and institution grants, budget details must be included.

IV. Criteria for Funding

- A. Programs for which funds are requested must be clearly in line with the stated purpose of the Fund.
- B. Funds may be requested by any staff member or minister in the Diocese. However no request will be considered without a supervisor's signature.
- C. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- D. Sponsoring organizations are expected to provide matching funds.
- E. Grants shall be awarded on the basis of diocesan priorities.

