

## Application Process

- ◆ Applications may be accessed from the diocesan website:  
<https://www.eriecd.org/schools/reefgrants.html>
- ◆ Complete the application pages, print a copy for signature, save a copy for yourself, and mail the signed original to:  

**REEF ADMINISTRATOR**  
**St. Mark Catholic Center**  
**429 East Grandview Blvd.**  
**Erie, PA 16504**
- ◆ Completed forms must be sent to the above address **before the** quarter deadlines of January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1.
- ◆ Final review of all applications will be done by the Religious Education Enrichment Fund Board which meets four times per year after above deadlines.
- ◆ Applicants will be notified of their grant determination approximately one month after the quarterly deadlines.

# Thank you!

## *You make it possible!*

Your generosity sustains and enriches REEF by:

- ◆ Donations to the diocesan capital campaigns
- ◆ Contributions to the yearly Catholic Education Collection
- ◆ Sacrificial giving to the Catholic Services Appeal

## **You are the benefactors.**

These funds are distributed to diocesan constituents via the Religious Education Enrichment Fund (REEF).

## **You are the beneficiaries.**

***For it is in giving***



***that we receive.***

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND



## Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie

My Dear Friends,

The Church faces many challenges in contemporary 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 and school setting. Catechists, Catholic school teachers, liturgical 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 Religious Education Enrichment Fund and for their ongoing generosity in the annual *Catholic Education Collection*. 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. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENRICHMENT FUND (REEF)

### Statement of Purpose

REEF provides financial resources for programs and participation in activities which:

- ◆ Offer education, formation, and development of parish, school, diocesan and affiliated entity staff.
- ◆ Provide creative activities that would further the education and formation of youth and adults.
- ◆ Encourage initiative and creativity in seeking ways to deliver the Good News.
- ◆ Meet emerging needs of religious education and faith formation.

### Types of Grants Available

#### L LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This endowment will consider requests for graduate degree programs, principal certificate programs, and other professional education and training specifically related to leadership skills in the area of faith formation or administration. Approval is required from both the applicant's school principal and pastor or president.

#### C CREATIVE PROJECT

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

#### M MINISTRY TRAINING

This endowment will consider requests to attend or host ministry education, training, and worship formation opportunities, such as workshops, conferences, and professional, non-degree certificate courses.

### Who Can Apply

Any person (staff member, lay person, religious, or clergy) sponsored by an eligible organization, i.e., a parish, school, ministry, or affiliated organization of the Diocese of Erie, is eligible to apply for grants from these funds.

### Criteria for Funding

- ◆ Grant requests for programs, activities, and opportunities must be clearly in line with the Statement of Purpose for REEF funding and the specifics of each particular type of endowment grant.
- ◆ Sponsoring organizations (e.g., parish, school, ministry) are expected to provide some matching funds.
- ◆ Grants shall be awarded on the basis of diocesan priorities.
- ◆ No applicant should presume funding.
- ◆ Incomplete applications will be denied and returned. An application will be considered incomplete if:
  - 1) Supporting documentation per grant application specifics is not included.
  - 2) Budget details are omitted.
  - 3) The application does not have the approval and signature of the appropriate supervisors.

### Please note:

The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania funds technology and other education grant opportunities.

Please refer to their website <https://www.cfnwpa.org/grant-seekers/education-grant-guidelines> for more information about Catholic Foundation grants.