



# Religious Education Enrichment Fund

REEF was launched in 1985 and is sustained by generous donations to diocesan capital campaigns and the annual Catholic Education Collection.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** REEF was established to provide financial resources for programs and participation in activities which:

- ◆ Offer education, formation, and development of parish, school, or diocesan 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

## CRITERIA FOR FUNDING:

- ◆ Grant requests must be clearly in line with the Statement of Purpose.
- ◆ Sponsoring organizations (e.g., parish, school, ministry) are expected to provide matching funds.
- ◆ Grants shall be awarded on the basis of diocesan priorities.
- ◆ No applicant should presume his/her application will be funded.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** 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.

## REEF GRANT CATEGORIES

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- ◆ Graduate degree programs, principal certificate programs, and other professional education and training specifically related to leadership skills in the area of administration or faith formation

(Complete pages 1 and 2)

Leadership



### MINISTRY TRAINING

- ◆ Ministry education, training, and worship formation opportunities, such as participating in or hosting workshops, conferences, and professional, non-degree certificate courses

(Complete pages 1 and 3)

Ministry



### CREATIVE PROJECT

- ◆ Creative start-up projects to enhance the quality of religious formation in schools and parishes (typically one-time grants)

(Complete pages 1 and 4)

Creative Project



Application deadlines: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1

## STEPS TO APPLY FOR A REEF GRANT:

- 1 → Review the grant categories, then select the best match for your needs. Please call (814) 824-1220 with questions or for guidance.
- 2 → Complete the appropriate grant application pages, save to your computer, and print copies to obtain signatures.
- 3 → Obtain required signatures on printed copies.
- 4 → Save a copy of the signed application for your records.
- 5 → Return the completed, signed application, and additional documentation if required, by the quarterly deadline to: **REEF Administrator, 429 East Grandview Boulevard, Erie, PA 16504**

Complete applications will be reviewed by the REEF Board.

Applicants will be notified about their grant requests approximately one month after the quarterly meeting.