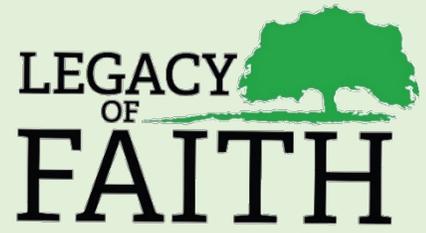


FAITH FORMATION

GRANT FOCUS & GUIDELINES



1. Proposals must benefit religious education programs in the parishes and missions of the Diocese of Marquette.
2. The focus for 2019-20 Faith Formation grants is on programs and projects that support the vision for our Bishop's Evangelization plan as outlined in his pastoral letter, "[Transforming Fire](#)". Priority consideration will be given to those applications that align with their parish-specific plans. Applicants should describe how the request supports the vision outlined in "Transforming Fire" and aligns with your parish-specific plans. A list of evangelization resources is available on our website. Click [here](#) to view.
3. Funding decisions are based on the potential of the program or project to provide quality Catholic faith formation offerings. Applications are encouraged for programs that build upon past programs and have potential for expansion or long-range impact.
4. Grants are not intended to cover the full cost of the program/project. A minimum of 25% local funding by the parish, school or group is recommended; however, if this guideline presents a financial hardship, an explanation should accompany the request, and it will be considered.
5. For requests to assist participants with costs associated with their participation in trips, retreats and pilgrimages, a maximum of \$50 per participant may be awarded. Does not include summer youth faith formation programs in the Diocese.
6. Items typically not funded: consumables, such as food and beverages served at events.
7. Requests that impact people or locations not previously receiving LOF funding, or in under-resourced regions of the diocese, will be given priority consideration.
8. Completed applications received on or before the published grant deadline will be considered.
9. The Bishop/Diocesan Administrator has the ultimate authority in approving all grants.
10. Grants that are awarded may be declined without negative consequences to future grant requests.
11. Approval of a Legacy of Faith grant should precede incurred expenditures related to the grant project. Legacy of Faith grants are intended to improve and enhance programs and should not be awarded as reimbursement for expenses that have already been incurred.
12. Acceptance of a grant constitutes agreement to:
 - Acknowledge Legacy of Faith as a funding source on all communications and publications regarding the funded program.
 - Abide by terms and conditions of the grant.
 - Submit a completed annual evaluation report to the diocese. The evaluation will be used to assess the effectiveness of the grant program and guide future funding decisions.
13. Grant checks will be payable to a Catholic entity, which will assume all fiscal responsibility for the grant funds. Collaborative programs must designate **one** entity to receive payment. Grants will be paid when evaluation requirements for prior Legacy of Faith grants received by the grantee are met.
14. Any unused grant funds remaining at the end of the grant period will be returned to Legacy of Faith.
15. All grant funds must be expended during the specified grant period. Requests for grant extensions beyond the grant period may be considered in extenuating circumstances. Requests should be directed to the Legacy of Faith Office in writing.

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