



Catholic Futures Foundation
of Northeast Nebraska

2023 Parish and School Grant Summary Report

The Catholic Futures Foundation of Northeast Nebraska provides grants to parishes, schools and ministries of the Archdiocese of Omaha that can be used to expand, enhance and make accessible opportunities that directly affect the educational mission of the Church.

The grant program began in 1980 and grant awards are made possible by donor support of the Foundation's grant funds. Through the years the program has awarded more than \$1.2 million to nearly every parish and school of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Funding for the Grant Program is supported by the annual distribution of these funds:

- Fund 285.400 Sr. Helen M. Spengler, OSM Endowment Fund
- Fund 280.000 OAEF Grants Fund (Board Designated Funds)

As of March 31, 2023 the market value of these funds are \$31,329.90 and \$597,880.05, respectively.

Priorities

Programs and projects must align with the Pastoral Vision of the Archdiocese of Omaha – One Church: Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples, and Living Mercy.

Prioritization of projects is based on the following:

- It aims to create a culture of encountering Jesus and equipping disciples
- It seeks to create a culture that enables God's mercy to be received and lived
- It fosters a culture of unity

Approved program areas to be funded includes:

- Incentive grants for the establishment of new educational ministries in parishes and schools
- Retreats/workshops for adults
- Retreats/camps for youth
- Retreats for parents with children
- Totus Tuus / Vacation Bible School
- Leadership/Stewardship conferences

Project examples from past grants requests are as follows:

Staff development/student recruitment/ministry training/youth leadership/RCIA/school reading programs and activities/family faith formation/transportation for students to activities/speakers/facility/resource materials/project supplies/certifications/registration fees.

Items not approved for funding:

Salaries/memberships, any tuition assistance on scholarships, textbooks/media resources, construction/remodeling costs, furniture, computers and equipment, chasubles/stoles, advertising/postage, any type of insurance or security services.

Grant Applications and Awards

	Applications	Awards	Award Amount
2023 Total	43	39	\$31,527
(2022 Total)	43	41	\$36,718
(2021 Total)	44	44	\$34,297
(2020 Total)	74	39	\$31,075
(2019 Total)	86	72	\$29,446
(2018 Total)	85	82	\$31,077
(2017 Total)	92	90	\$29,250
(2016 Total)	93	88	\$28,235

Grant Amounts (High, Low, Avg.)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Amount Requested:	\$65,263	\$60,585	\$36,266	\$77,941	\$71,219	\$72,557	\$82,129
Highest Grant Award Given:	\$2,000	\$1,650	\$1,000	\$960	\$1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 700
Lowest Grant Award Given:	\$200	\$145	\$300	\$170	\$150	\$ 50	\$ 100
Average Grant Award Given:	\$733	\$895	\$552	\$796	\$400	\$ 360	\$ 325

Categories Awarded

Request Category	Requested	Granted	% of Total
Parish Program	\$17,150	\$8,400	27%
Parish Youth Camp/Rally/Retreat	\$9,600	\$5,300	17%
Religious Education	\$8,250	\$5,100	16%
Sacrament Retreat	\$2,000	\$1,150	4%
School Program/Project	\$11,218	\$4,200	13%
School Retreat	\$8,750	\$2,700	9%
Staff Retreat/Training	\$4,695	\$2,677	8%
Youth Conference/ Leadership	\$3,600	\$2,000	6%
	\$65,263	\$31,527	100%

Members of the Grant Review Committee:

Bonnie Nebuda, Foundation Officer - Stewardship and Development Office
 Jodi Phillips, Associate Director - Evangelization and Family Life Office
 Vickie Kauffold, Superintendent - Catholic Schools Office

To Apply for a Grant

Visit <https://catholicfutures.org/about/> regarding the application process. Applications are available each year in February, due at the end of April and reviewed in May. Grant recipients are notified in June.

Contribute to the Grant Program

To contribute, please visit: <https://catholicfutures.org/funds/> and search for either the Sr. Helen M. Spengler, OSM fund or the OAEF Grants fund to make a gift.

*The Catholic Futures Foundation of Northeast Nebraska, with Catholic values at the forefront, professionally manages, stewards and invites investment into our northeast Nebraska community, giving all members unique opportunities to **positively impact the future of the Church and transform lives.***

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