



Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa New Grant Program Launched:

The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa is pleased to announce that it will be offering a new grant program in 2016.

The Foundation was established in 2012 by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines. It advances stewardship rooted in best financial practices and Catholic values investing. The Foundation is now prepared to provide grants to the parishes, schools and other Catholic entities within the Diocese and has budgeted up to \$50,000 in grants for the current fiscal year.

The Catholic Foundation will focus its grant support in the following areas:

- Catholic Education (K-12)
- Refugee Assistance
- Adult Faith Development/Formation
- Pastoral Outreach
- New Initiatives (not bricks and mortar)

Within those areas, grant applications will be accepted for the following:

- General Grants – Grant awards of \$2,500 or more
- Parish Enrichment Grants – Grant awards for small projects or programs within parishes of less than \$2,500

Detailed grant guidelines and application forms are available by visiting this link:

<https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/what-we-do/grant-application-guidelines/>. More information is also available by contacting the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa at 515-237-5044 or by email at Info@CatholicFoundationIowa.org.

Faith Formation Fiesta – May 19 at Ss. John & Paul parish in Altoona:

Intergenerational faith formation has an incredible amount of inspiration and practical resourcing for helping form the domestic church. In this spirit our friends at Ss John and Paul parish in Altoona will be hosting a "Faith Formation Fiesta" for Catechetical Leaders and Leaders of Adult Faith Formation in May. Joan Weber, coordinator of the Family Bible Project and co-coordinator of Young Neighbors in Action for the Center for Ministry Development, is the guest presenter. Scheduled as part of the day will be opportunities to network and share ideas during two breakout sessions. Attached is the flyer.

Please register at: <https://ssjohnpaul.weshareonline.org/FaithFormationFiesta> by April 29, 2016. The fee for the entire day is \$25.00 per person or \$50.00 for your entire parish team.

Jubilee Bookmarks and Holy Door Passports arriving soon:

If you have not already received your package yet, your Jubilee bookmarks and Holy Door Passports are on their way. There is a memo in the package that helps you in the distribution. Bookmarks were printed in two categories: young children appropriate and older children/youth. These are to be distributed one for each child/youth.

The Passports are for families of any size. We printed enough of them for you to distribute one per family in your programs. For example, if you have a family that has 3 children/youth in the program, that family receives one Passport. Attached is a digital copy of the Passport if you would like to print additional copies. You can also check with Sherri Simmer and she can make some more for you as well. Her e-mail is ssimmer@dmdiocese.org.

CLADD in April – Catechetical Ministry Roundtable:

For those who attended our Ministry Workshop on the Spiritual Necessities for Our Walk as Joyful Witnesses of Christ, we were blessed not only with an outstanding presenter, but also with a lot of practical ministry resources.

For those who were not able to attend the Ministry Workshop do not think that this day is not for you. The CLADD Leadership Team will spend about 10 to 15 minutes reviewing the workshop for everyone.

The purpose of this session is to have a vibrant discussion of catechetical ministry in your parish using the presentation as a jumping off point. One point we will visit are the questions Julianne proposed early in the morning:

- What do I need to START doing?
- What do I need to STOP doing?
- What do I need to KEEP Doing?

Bring examples and also please review the presentation to see what other insights Julianne's presentation stirred in you. Attached please find the agendas for the meetings:

- CLADD West – April 19 at St. Patrick's Church in Neola – contact Bernie Koch at hiltopturf@aol.com to RSVP by April 15.
- CLADD East – April 21 at St. Luke the Evangelist parish in Ankeny – contact Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@slte.org to RSVP by April 18.

