

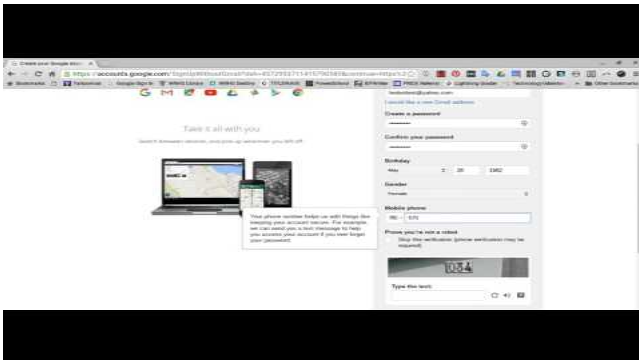
Foundations in Faith 2021 St. John Paul II Grant Application

Program Support Grants: Responding to Bishop Caggiano's invitation to lifelong formation, parishes in the Diocese of Bridgeport are invited to reimagine faith formation at every level. The Saint John Paul II Fund for Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Faith Formation offers grant opportunities to enhance programs. These grants are specifically designed to re-energize Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs by encouraging new approaches to program design.

* Required

1. Email address *

In order to submit this application with the budget upload you will need to set-up a Google Account if you do not already have one. It is free, easy and you can even use your existing work email. See the video instructions on how to EASILY & QUICKLY create a Google Account.



http://youtube.com/watch?v=QvTechVvk4_w

2021 JP II Fund Program Support Grants - Innovate, Collaborate, Celebrate Youth Voice!

CRITERIA TO APPLY: This grant is open to parishes in the Diocese of Bridgeport committed to re-energizing their Faith Formation programs. Priority will be given to applications that reflect innovative approaches to Religious Education, Youth Ministry and underserved groups within the parish.

Grants may not be used towards a capital expenses nor are they intended to replace church budget line items for Faith Formation programs. Funds can only be used as described and outlined in the budget presented in this application. Funds are not used to pay down existing debt or to donate to an organization or institution outside the parish.

*requests for technology must be tied to an innovate project design.

Grant
criteria

SPECIFICS:

- Funding \$1000-10,000 per parish
- A cap of 2 applications per parish; total grant award capped at \$10,000 per parish
- 2021 Online Applications posted February 10th
- 2021 Applications and budgets are to be submitted online only - by April 2nd
- 2021 Applications reviewed by Foundations in Faith Grant Review Committee in May
- Recommendations by committee will be presented to the Foundations In Faith Board
- Funded projects announced and monies transferred to parishes in July-August
- Funded project Mid-Year Reports are due January (Online form will be provided)
- Funded project Final Reports due May (Online form will be provided)
- Grantees that do not complete Reports will not be considered for future grants for a period of time

2. In order to proceed please acknowledge that you have read and agree to all for statements below by checking them off. *

Check all that apply.

- 1) I have or just set up a Google Account
- 2) I have read and agree to the Grant Criteria and related reporting information and expectations.
- 3) I understand that all questions in this application must be answered to be considered for funding.
- 4) I understand that I must hit "submit" at the end of this application to save my work and that I will receive a link that will allow me to make edits to this application and resubmit as needed up until the April 2nd due date. ***If you do not hit submit your work will not be saved!
- 5) I have support from our Pastor to submit this application on behalf of our Parish and understand that he will receive a copy of this application upon submitting.

Contact
Information

Please provide us with some basic contact information about you and your church/parish

3. Name of Parish *
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4. Church/parish street address *

5. Church/parish town, state, zipcode *

6. Your first name *

7. Your last name *

8. Your phone number *

9. Priest's full name *

10. Priest's email *

11. Your role with the church/parish *

Mark only one oval.

DRE or CRE (director or Coordinator of Religious Education)

Youth Minister

Priest

Volunteer

Other: _____

Project
Information

Please tell us about the Innovative Faith Formation project or program which you seek funding. We will consider up to two applications per church/parish with a cap of \$10,000 of total funding per church/parish. It's important to share our funding resources with many churches and parishes.

12. Amount of funding requested (Range \$1000 - \$10,000 round numbers please) *

13. Project name *

14. Project description *

15. This is a

Check all that apply.

Religious Education Program

Youth Ministry Program

Faith Formation for underserved group at our Parish

16. How does this project reflect innovation? how is it different from approaches used at your parish in the past? *

17. Who will be participating - provide ages and approximate number of people making up the core group *

18. What will the participants be doing as it relates to learning and living their Catholic faith? Please provide details *

19. Where specifically will the participants be gathering/meeting? *

20. How frequently will the group meet throughout the year? *

Mark only one oval.

monthly

twice a month

weekly

Other: _____

21. Intended Program/Project Start Date *

Example: January 7, 2019

22. Intended Program/Project End Date *

Example: January 7, 2019

23. Why is this program/project important to your parish and the participants? *

24. Who has been involved with the project design or "idea" for this grant request? *

Check all that apply.

- This is my idea
- Our Priest's idea
- Faith Formation "team" idea (comprised of adults)
- Youth at our parish came up with this idea
- other

25. Indicate ages of participants (you can select more than one category or use other to write in)

Check all that apply.

- babies and toddlers
- elementary school age children
- middle school age children
- high school teens
- young adults (20-35)
- adults
- senior citizens
- Multigenerational

Other: _____

Youth engagement

Studies indicate that when youth (of all ages) are asked to give feedback and ideas about the programs they participate in their level of interest and involvement dramatically increases. Furthermore, when youth are given age appropriate responsibilities and leadership roles they feel valued and engage more. St. John Paul II and Bishop Caggiano have emphasized the need to not just listen to our youth but to hear them and respond. Innovation does not come as easy to adults as it does our youth; especially when collaborating with others.

26. Awesome! You are working with our youth. They are brimming with great energy, ideas and insights. How do you harness their ideas and voice? *

Check all that apply.

- Regular brainstorming sessions on how to make their faith formation more meaningful and relevant to their age group
- The youth create/design a survey asking their peers for their feedback and suggestions on the program
- The youth collect the survey data and make recommendations to the project leader
- We have the group break up into small groups and work on a task. After we debrief and see what themes emerge
- We always start with a fun icebreaker. Youth volunteer to run the next icebreaker that they select
- They select the community service projects we do from a short list of community needs they identify
- Seats are set up in a circle and when questions are asked, adults are not allowed to provide the solution. Space is made for the youth to write ideas on a poster or board. Resources are provided to look up information.
- We have a strong youth leadership model in place that emphasizes youth voice opportunities
- We don't do any of the above but would be willing to attend a training to learn more about Youth Engagement strategies
- other

27. Have youth been engaged specifically in this project/program design? how so - or why not? *

28. Would you be open to engaging the youth at a higher level in the future? why or why not? *

**Program
Evaluation**

In order to grow our funding we need to share information related to program impact and success with our donors. Please provide 3 goals and specific indicators on how you will measure the success of meeting these goals.

29. Please identify project goal #1 and how you will specifically measure its success *

30. Please identify project goal #2 and how you will specifically measure its success *

31. Please identify project goal #3 and how you will measure its success *

32. Would you describe this project as unique and/or innovative? *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

no, not really It is so cool Bishop Caggiano will want to replicate it!

33. Do you have plans to collaborate with another group within the parish or community? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes Skip to question 34

No Skip to question 35

Other: _____

Collaboration

Congratulations! Breaking down silos is important to the mission of Foundations in Faith. Since you are setting a great example and collaborating with others please share info.

34. Who are you collaborating with and how do you plan to work together? *

Budget & Reporting

Below, we have provided a link to a budget form. Please open it, download it and complete the first section. Save and name your budget. Upload it where prompted. (In order to upload your budget form, you will need to set up a google account)

This is just a picture of the budget template to use as a reference. You will need to click on the link in the next section to upload. Remember to Rename and save as you will need to provide budget updates in January and May if funded.

Foundations in Faith Budget Form

Save this form with the appropriate sections completed and upload into your application or report.

Project Name

Parish/school/org

Contact Name

Contact Email

Contact Phone

Start Date

End Date

			Do Not Complete Until Mid-Year Report	Do Not Complete Until Final Report
	List Expenditure Items	Projected Cost	Actual to Date	Final Expenditures
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2		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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13		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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15		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

35. Click on link below or copy and paste it into your browser. Download, rename the budget form and SAVE IT on your computer to upload now and later in the year for the Mid-Year and End of Year Reports. <http://wwwFOUNDATIONSINFaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/FIF-Budget-Form-20-Official.xlsx> For now complete the first two columns "Expenditure Items" and "Projected Costs" only. The other two columns are for the Mid-Year and End of Year Budget Updates. Once you have your budget ready, upload below. *

Files submitted:

36. Foundations in Faith and Diocese of Bridgeport may use and share photos, videos, and social media posts related to our funded projects. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes, we understand.

Signature,
date and
submit

I certify with my digital signature below that our Church/Parish Priest knows of and approves the submission of this application. I understand that he will receive a copy via email once submitted.

37. I understand that when I submit this application I will receive an email confirmation, a pdf copy and a link that will allow me to go back and edit this application up until the due date of April 2nd *

Check all that apply.

yes, I understand

38. Typed Signature *

39. Today's date *

Example: January 7, 2019

40. Optional space for a few brief final comments.

Thank you!

You are done! Please be sure to hit the submit button below.

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