



Foundations in Faith Sample Program Support Application

PROGRAM SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATION

The mission of Foundations in Faith is to provide financial support for pastoral care ministries in the Diocese of Bridgeport. These ministries support various endeavors, including religious education and faith formation, vocations and seminarians, retired priests, and Catholic School education, to name just a few.

Program Support Grants are available through the St. John Paul II Fund for Religious Education and Faith Formation, the St. Catherine Center for Special Needs Fund, the St. Therese Fund for Evangelization, and the Lourdes Fund for Pastoral Care at Catholic Nursing Homes.

All Diocesan programs and ministries aligned with the fund's mission are welcome to apply.

The following questions are intentionally general. Please be sure that your answers highlight the alignment of your proposed project with the fund's mission.

However, details matter: be descriptive in your answers and provide specific itemized costs in your budget.

Program Support Grant recipients, including Youth In Action, are required to file a mid-project report and a final report via the Grant Applicant Portal.

WARNING: This application must be completed in one session. You'll be logged off after a 2-hour period of inactivity on the grant application page.

Applying for Application Cycle

2023-2024 ▼

Parish or Organization

I am applying on behalf of my*

Parish ▼

Church

Our Lady Church ▼

Address

123 Emmaus Road

City

Bridgeport

State

CT

Zip Code

06000

Pastor

Fr. Joseph Mary

Pastor Email

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Funding Source

Fund*

JPII Fund for Parish/Program Support ▼

Proposed Program

Program Name*

Inspired By The One

Program Description

Inspired by Bishop Caggiano's vision for The One, our project seeks to build on a Catholic culture verses classroom instruction. First we will have a team of two co-catechists per group of elementary students in the same grade. These co-catechists will stay with the same group from 3rd grade to 5th grade. This will create a small community and a relationship with two caring adults.

During the third-grade year (Accompany) there will be intentional activities sent home and offered at the church that will focus on family and will have an element of fun. (Movie night at the church for the Family, children's books sent home for family story time before prayers, family advent wreath making, a candlelit human rosary night each Friday of lent followed by cheese pizza for Families)

During the fourth-grade year (Fellowship) we would build on the family activities mentioned above and encourage the children and families to invite a friend or two to join.

During the fifth-grade year (Encounter) there will be opportunities for family and friends to engage in 1-2 social action projects – starting with awareness and understanding i.e.. a movie or presenter on a topic related to a social injustice, followed by age-appropriate discussion, followed by community service project designed by the group with youth input and leadership opportunities.

Participating Age Groups

Young Children (K-3), Children (4-8 grade) ▼

Participating Communities

Hispanic/Latino ▼

Describe how this program is innovative, unique, or special.

This will focus on building a 3 year relationship with the co-catechists. It will intentionally engage the family members in a fun way over three years and evangelize by also reaching out to friends beyond the family. As the children advance each year they will deepen their relationships and understanding of their faith, establishing an excellent foundation of true fellowship. Their social action projects will provide awareness and an action component for discipleship.

Describe how this program relates to the mission of the fund for which you are applying.

The JPPII Fund supports faith formation. Formation involves lived experiences with family, friends, truth, beauty, activities – a personal connection with fellow Catholics and Christ.

Describe how this program will impact your Parish or organization.

The goal is to bring many generations together in a welcoming fun way that intentionally incorporates learning without textbooks. Fellowship will lead to encounter and accompaniment. It aims to make true believers not just checking off a box to get it done. Others will be inspired and hopefully re-engage in our beautiful church.

Describe any challenges expected to arise in implementing this program.

We need a coordinator to help coordinate; manage the communications and activity planning. We need to be mindful that activities planned across the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades do not put undue burden or pressure on the parents or family members. For example, the movie night should be for all three grades and the same time and place, the children's book that is sent home should also be the same for all children, as with any project like one advent candle project per family....

Where will your program meet?

This depends on the activity. Most time

How often will your program participants meet?

Every other week with a planned joint e

Program Start Date

09/01/2023 

Program End Date

05/30/2024 

Leadership Team

List your program leaders

Name

Role

Pastor Name

Pastor

DRE Name

DRE

Program Coordinator Name

Program Coordinator

FirstName LastName

Co-Catechist

FirstName LastName

Co-Catechist

The program advisor is someone other than the Parish pastor.

Check for yes

Will the program collaborate with other Parish groups or within the larger community?

Check for yes

If yes, list the other Parish groups:

The youth group. The 5th graders social action project will lead to a collaboration once they decide on the issue they v

Program Goals and Outcomes

Identify three goals for your program and how you will measure their success.

Goal 1:

To reduce the number of in class textbook style faith formation sessions by 50% and replace with interactive, fun, gatherings with a built-in faith formation component.

How we will measure success for Goal 1:

Track number of in class to out of class gatherings.

Goal 2:

To increase each family's participation in child's faith formation with a pattern of growth over the three years. And to increase friend participation in the faith formation with a pattern of growth over the three years.

How we will measure success for Goal 2:

Track and count attendance at gatherings. Track and count number of new Parish or faith formation registrants.

Goal 3:

Development of deeper relationship between children, youth, families and co-catechists

How we will measure success for Goal 3:

A survey for participating children and families at the end of each year could measure this.

Program Budget

Enter the program's itemized expenses:

Item	Estimated Cost
Program Coordinator	2000
Books for storytime	500
Rosaries	300
Family-friendly Rosary instruction	50
Battery-operated candles	250
Advent wreath supplies	400
Food for gatherings/movie nights	1000
Social justice awareness present	300
Social justice project supplies	500

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Budget Total \$5,300.00

Grant Funding Request

Foundations In Faith Terms and Authorizations

I understand that I am submitting a Program Support Grant application for a Catholic program in the Diocese of Bridgeport and if it is approved, including Youth In Action, I must submit a mid-project report and a final report via the Grant Applicant Portal. *

Check to agree.

All information in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. *

Check to agree.

If a grant is awarded, funds are to be spent as you described in this application. If there is a change related to how funds will be used, approval from the Director of Foundations in Faith is necessary or funds will need to be returned. *

Check to agree.

Foundations in Faith will periodically share pictures and stories to promote the good works of the Foundation and the Diocese. By submitting this application, you give us permission to share photos and communications about your work with the larger community. *

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