

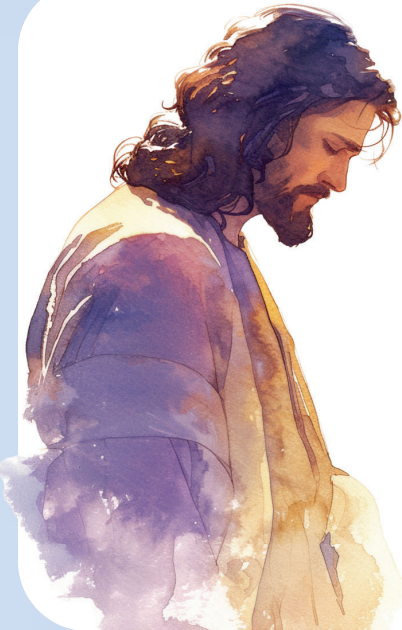
# PARISH BASED FAITH FORMATION GRANT 2026 FUNDING INITIATIVES

**The Parish Based Faith Formation Grant is funded by generous donations to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, made possible by parishioners from 102 parishes in the Diocese of Scranton.**

As good stewards of these resources, the Office for Parish Life has identified several opportunities that effectively align with the priorities of the grant and provide great value to parish communities. Each of the 2026 Funding Initiatives is part of a greater effort to engage people of all ages, especially adults, in growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. In addition, these initiatives recognize the need to meet people where they are, including those who may not be able to attend programming offered at the parish. By expanding the “reach” of the parish, more people can be invited to participate and become more active in their personal faith and in the life of the parish community.

Parishes are encouraged to consider the 2026 Funding Initiatives, while at the same time determining which approach to lifelong formation is most suitable to their parish community.

2026 Funding Initiatives are competitive and will be awarded based on the strength of the application. Parishes may apply for any one of these initiatives or a combination of several initiatives.



## PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Grant funding is available to offset the cost of a parish partnership with Hallow, the #1 Christian Prayer App in the World. Partner parishes work with a Hallow Parish Success Lead to unite the parish community through prayer.

### Key Program Components:

- Launch of the Hallow App
- Custom Parish Page
- Faith Formation Resources with free subscriptions for catechists and students over 13, plus family-focused content for younger children
- Giftable accounts
  - All parish staff receive full annual Hallow accounts
  - Priests, Deacons, and Religious receive full lifetime accounts (sign up here)
- Parish Mission

Several options are available. Contact:  
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## CATECHETICAL FORMATION

Grant funding allows a parish unlimited access to all the resources available through the Catechetical Institute’s *Franciscan at Home* online platform, offering formation to Parish Catechetical Leaders, Catechists, Youth Ministers, and adults. All learners are invited to grow deeper in their relationship with God as they learn how to echo the faith.

Learners can complete Catechetical Institute workshops, taught by University professors and other experts, either individually or in group settings.

Parishes may also apply for conference fees for the Saint John Bosco Conference, where catechists, teachers, youth ministers, and leaders come together to deepen their faith, sharpen their skills, and be re-energized for the mission of sharing the Gospel.

For more information, contact:  
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## CONFERENCE FEE ASSISTANCE

Grant funding can be used for conferences and other events sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton and partner ministries, including:

- Youth Rally
- National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
- Steubenville Youth Conference
- Women’s Retreat
- Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women’s Conference
- Be a Catholic Man Conference and Retreat

Parishes may also identify other conferences and apply for funding.

Because it may be difficult to forecast exactly how many people will attend a particular conference/event, parishes may estimate the necessary funds by estimating both the cost and the number of attendees.

Awarded grant money will remain with the Diocese and distributed from a “debit” account for each conference or event.

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