



St. Joseph Foundation Awards First Grants

Eight grants awarded for Catholic ministry work

SEATTLE, March 9, 2023 – The St. Joseph Foundation awarded its first set of grants to eight Catholic ministries to strengthen and extend the presence of the Catholic Church throughout Western Washington in three main areas: Catholic initiatives, pastoral ministries and formation/education.

“The St. Joseph Foundation achieved a significant milestone in awarding its first round of grants,” said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne. “I am immensely grateful for the donors who support our archdiocesan ministries, and especially grateful for the St. Joseph Foundation, which allows us to support others in their efforts to advance the mission of Christ in the Church and world today.”

“It was inspiring to read about the great work and the committed people dedicated to their Catholic ministry,” said April Collier, vice president of the St. Joseph Foundation. “Their work is a testament that the Catholic faith is alive today across all our communities.”

Each grantee is a Catholic tax-exempt organization that applied for funding and was approved by the St. Joseph Foundation Board of Directors. To fulfill the requirements of the grant funding, each organization will provide the St. Joseph Foundation a progress report to share how these funds are supporting the mission of the Church.

The first grantees and grant amounts are:

- **Catholic Healthcare Collaboration** \$1 million over five years
Grant supports this innovative partnership between the Archdiocese of Seattle, Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington, and local Catholic hospitals, including PeaceHealth, Providence and Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, which will transform the way Catholic organizations collaborate and respond to the cry of the poor. Learn more: archseattle.org/catholichealth
- **Education Across Borders** \$5,600
Grant provides funding for two students to participate in an international service-learning project in the Dominican Republic. Learn more: www.educationacrossborders.org
- **Immigrant & Refugee Ministry** \$104,000 for 1 year
Grant supports one full-time coordinator and stipends for lay leaders to expand the Immigrant and Refugee Ministry throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. Learn more: archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/immigrant-refugee-ministry

- **Seattle Seafarers Center** \$156,000 over two years
Grant supports funding for an executive director who will work to expand fundraising efforts for this ecumenical program that meets the spiritual and practical needs of ship workers arriving at our local ports. Learn more about the Seattle Seafarers ministry: archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/seafarer-ministry
- **Seminarian Support** \$21,000
Grant provides funding to send 10 seminarians to [World Youth Day](#) in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. Learn more about seminarians in the Archdiocese of Seattle: archseattle.org/living-catholic/god-is-calling-you-vocations/meet-our-seminarians
- **Saint Luke Productions** \$50,000
Grant provides support to bring the live performance of “Tolton: From Slave to Priest” to 10 communities in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Learn more about this show: www2.stlukeproductions.com/dramas/tolton
- **Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal** \$3,000
Grant will support general operations to carry out the mission of nurturing and inspiring Catholics to experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through baptism in the Holy Spirit. Learn more: wwccr.org
- **Youth Ministry** \$24,000
Grant will provide funding to send 12 young people to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. Learn more about the archdiocese’s youth ministry: archseattle.org/for-parishes/for-parishes-youth-ministry

Grants will be awarded twice a year. New grant requests must be submitted by May 26, 2023, for consideration in June. To learn more about the St. Joseph Foundation or to apply for a grant, please visit archseattle.org/st-joseph-foundation.

About the St. Joseph Foundation

Established in August 2021 on behalf of the Archbishop of Seattle, the St. Joseph Foundation sustains ministries and programs that support the spiritual, educational and ministry needs of Catholics in Western Washington. To learn more, please visit archseattle.org/st-joseph-foundation.

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