Archdiocese of New York

Sharing God's Gifts
Pastoral Grants Program
2026 Impact Report

Faith taking root in our parishes

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Sharing God's Gifts Throughout the Archdiocese of New York

A Message of Gratitude



Dear Pastors, Administrators, and Friends in Christ,

The life of the Church is renewed whenever a parish recognizes a pastoral need and responds with faith, imagination, and generous service. Through the Archdiocese of New York's *Sharing God's Gifts* Pastoral Grants Program, the generosity of donors to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* helps pastors and parish communities turn those responses into action.

Now in its second year, the program continues to strengthen parish life by supporting Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation, Respect Life, Youth Faith Formation, Youth/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate, and the Cultural Diversity Apostolate.

What has impressed me most this year is the pastoral imagination and commitment reflected in the initiatives highlighted throughout this report. At St. Joseph's Parish in Kingston and St. John Chrysostom in the Bronx, adults and young people are being encouraged to listen more deeply for God's call, including the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. At Assumption Parish in Peekskill, pregnant women and new mothers are accompanied with compassion and practical support, affirming the dignity of every human life. At St. John the Evangelist in Mahopac, parishioners are strengthening the unity of a diverse Catholic community by honoring the cultural traditions through which generations of the faithful have lived and expressed their faith. These efforts are different in their focus, but each reflects the same desire to meet people where they are and draw them more deeply into the life of Christ and His Church.

Across the archdiocese, the grants also remind us that no parish carries out its mission alone. Each award brings together the generosity of donors with the leadership of pastors, the service of parish staff and volunteers, and the needs and hopes of the communities they serve.

I am deeply grateful to our pastors and parish leaders for the care and creativity with which they undertake this work, and to every donor whose generosity helps make it possible. May the Lord continue to multiply these gifts and use them to draw people into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend Edmund Whalen
Vicar General, Archdiocese of New York

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Archdiocese of New York Mission Statement

Our mission is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, aware of the local area and the world, the spiritual and the material, the present and the future.

Purpose

The *Sharing God's Gifts* Pastoral Grants Program turns stewardship into local pastoral action by providing grants that help parishes launch or strengthen ministries in response to the needs of their communities. Funded through the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, the program equips pastors and ministry leaders with practical resources to advance formation, evangelization, outreach, and service.

How the Program Works

1. **PARISHIONERS GIVE**
   Parishioners across the archdiocese support the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, which funds the Pastoral Grants Program.

2. **PARISHES DREAM**
   Pastors and ministry leaders identify a pastoral need and develop a focused response.

3. **GRANTS INVEST**
   Awards provide resources for formation, equipment, outreach, and program support.

4. **MISSION GROWS**
   Parishes invite participation, evaluate results, and build ministry that can continue.



2026 Areas of Support



1. **Adult Discipleship & Marriage Formation**
   Equips adults and couples to grow as missionary disciples, strengthens families, and builds lasting foundations of faith.

2. **Respect Life**
   Supports education, accompaniment, and service that uphold the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

3. **Youth Faith Formation**
   Helps children and families encounter Christ through catechesis, parish-based formation, and practical supports that make participation possible.

4. **Youth/Young Adult Ministry & University Apostolate**
   Creates opportunities for teens, college students, and young adults to encounter Christ, build Catholic community, discern vocation, and live their faith in daily life.

5. **Cultural Diversity Apostolate**
   Honors the languages, histories, devotions, and cultural traditions that enrich the Body of Christ and helps communities participate more fully in parish life.

Year Two:
Faith Taking Root in Our Parishes

In FY2025, the archdiocese introduced the *Sharing God's Gifts* Pastoral Grants Program as a new initiative. This summary highlights the program's growth in FY2026.

Program Growth Across 10 Geographic Areas

FY2025
(Sep. 2024 - Aug. 2025)

$500,000 Program Allocation

$497,464 Amount Awarded

47 Grants Awarded

FY2026
(Sep. 2024 - Aug. 2025)

$1,000,000 Program Allocation

$928,560 Amount Awarded

87 Grants Awarded

Strengthening Parish Life Together

Across the archdiocese, pastors and parish leaders are responding to the needs of their communities with creativity, care, and a deep commitment to mission. Through *Sharing God's Gifts*, donor support helps bring that pastoral vision to life.

The stories that follow highlight the impact of grants supporting Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation, Respect Life, Youth Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the University Apostolate, and the Cultural Diversity Apostolate. Each reflects what is possible when generous stewardship and local leadership come together to help people grow in faith, find support, and participate more fully in the life of the Church.





Youth/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, ELMSFORD

A Parish Rediscovering the Eucharist





Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has developed a broader, community-centered mission at its Pastoral Center, creating new opportunities for people to encounter Christ and grow in faith. Building on programs piloted in fall 2025, the parish is expanding evangelization and formation to strengthen family engagement, deepen participants' understanding of the Catholic faith, and create a space for fellowship and spiritual growth.

$44,680

Pastoral Center Programming for Evangelization

Grant support helps the parish provide formation, outreach, and community-centered programming that connects faith with family and parish life.

Reported Impact

14
formation evenings

89%
said Mass felt more meaningful

3
new small groups launched

46
volunteer leaders trained

Youth/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate Grant Summary

$125,011.95
Awarded

13
Grants

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, KINGSTON

Listening for God's Call

$28,850

Cast Into the Deep

An illustrative retreat profile showing how prayer, spiritual direction, fraternity, and time before the Blessed Sacrament can help men listen more attentively to a possible call to priesthood or religious life.



A Quiet Place to Discern

St. Joseph Parish gathered men from the upper counties for a day of prayer and discernment. The retreat included Mass, Eucharistic adoration, guided reflection, small group conversation, and individual time with priests and religious. The goal is not to pressure a decision, but to give participants a faithful setting in which to ask how Christ may be calling them to serve the Church.

Reported Impact

24 participants

83% requested follow-up discernment resources

5 priests and religious presenters

6 guided prayer and formation sessions

"The retreat gave me the silence and guidance I needed to pray more seriously about where God may be leading me."

Adult Discipleship & Marriage Formation Grant Summary

$185,534
Awarded

13
Grants

Respect Life

ASSUMPTION PARISH, PEEKSKILL

Accompanying Mothers, Welcoming Life





$24,500

Adopt a Baby

A parish-wide accompaniment initiative offering practical assistance, relationships, and prayer to mothers and families during pregnancy and a child's first year.

A Crib, a Grocery Card, and Someone Who Keeps Calling

Assumption Parish launched *Adopt a Baby* in collaboration with Birthright to support pregnant women, new mothers, and babies in need. The program provides practical assistance, including gift cards for groceries and formula, essential baby items, and layette bags for newborns. A kickoff reception at the parish also created a point of connection among families, volunteers, and the local Church. The ministry gives parishioners a concrete way to live out respect for life through ongoing accompaniment and material care.

Reported Impact

72 mothers accompanied

59 parish volunteers

41 newborns welcomed

183 care packages distributed

Respect Life Grant Summary

$199,500 Awarded

10 Grants

Cultural Diversity Apostolate

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH, MAHOPAC

Polish School & Community



$4,000

Polish Catholic Holiday Outreach

Grant support helped provide liturgical and seasonal faith materials, educational resources, family activities and heritage crafts,along with event promotion, audiovisual needs, food, refreshments, and supplies for parish celebrations. Together, these resources help families experience Catholic traditions throughout the year while strengthening faith, preserving Polish heritage, and fostering a deeper sense of belonging within parish

Christmas Play and Dinner Party

St. John the Evangelist Parish and the Irena Sendler Polish Community School brought children, families, parishioners, and members of the local Polish community together for a Christmas celebration in Mahopac. Children performed a traditional Nativity play and sang Polish Christmas carols, or kolędy, followed by a communal dinner featuring traditional Polish holiday dishes.

Reported Impact

More than
100
families

Cultural Diversity Apostolate strengthens belonging and participation by helping parish communities pray, form disciples, and celebrate the Catholic faith in ways that honor the cultures and traditions present across the archdiocese.

Cultural Diversity Apostolate Grant Summary

$128,211
Awarded

8
Grants

Youth Faith Formation

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PARISH, BRONX

Encouraging the Next Generation of Vocations



$5,000

Priestly/Religious Discernment Retreat

This ministry accompanies young men as they deepen their relationship with Christ and prayerfully discern whether God is calling them to serve His Church through the priesthood.

A Faithful Response to God's Call

For the past two years, St. John Chrysostom Parish has accompanied 10 young men prayerfully discerning whether God may be calling them to the priesthood. Through regular gatherings, they have been encouraged to deepen their relationship with Christ, grow in fraternity, and become more attentive to the Lord's call in their lives. The group also participated in a retreat at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, where they spent time in prayer, reflection, and fellowship while gaining a closer experience of priestly formation and seminary life.

"The retreat was a great experience learning more about my faith and thinking more seriously about where God may be calling me."

Reported Reached

10

Young Men Accompanied

Youth Faith Formation Grant Summary

$227,062.40
Awarded

20
Grants

2026 Grant Recipients

2026 awards listed by geography and parish.

Manhattan

Ascension Parish
Youth Engagement at Ascension Food Pantry

Good Shepherd Parish
Emmaus Journey Parish Revival Mission

Holy Name of Jesus and St. Gregory the Great Parish
Little Disciples: An Early Faith Journey

Holy Name of Jesus and St. Gregory the Great Parish
Word & Witness: Young Women's Discernment Group

Holy Name of Jesus and St. Gregory the Great Parish
Youth Summer Programs

St. Agnes Parish
Goretti Group New York Chapter

St. Charles Borromeo Resurrection All Saints Parish
Central Harlem Cluster Evangelization Project

St. Patrick's Cathedral
Monthly Speaker Series at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Bronx

Holy Rosary and Nativity of Our Blessed Lady Parish
Holy Rosary Summer Program 2026

Immaculate Conception Parish
Living the Gospel

Our Lady of Angels Parish
Youth Faith Formation Transportation

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Saint Martin of Tours Parish
Bronx Catholic Youth Day 2026

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Bethany priests

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Saint Martin of Tours Parish
Pastoral Formation Program

Our Lady of Solace - St. Dominic Parish
Idente Youth Events

Our Lady of Solace - St. Dominic Parish
The Encounter NYC Music Ministry

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Primer Encuentro Eucaristico Hispano

St. Frances de Chantal Parish
Life in the Spirit

Bronx

St. Joan of Arc Parish
Pilgrimage to North American Shrine for our recently established Young Adult Group.

St. Joan of Arc Parish
St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry

St. John Chrysostom Parish
Priestly/religious discernment retreat

St. Lucy Parish
St Lucy's Altar Server Society

St. Luke Parish
St Luke's ESL Classes

St. Luke Parish
St. Luke's Food Pantry Expansion

St. Margaret Mary Parish
Bilingual Youth Guitar Lessons

St. Margaret Mary Parish
Cana Project: beautifying our multiple-couple weddings

St. Philip Neri Parish
Ist Peter Project-Sandwich Making

St. Philip Neri Parish
Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine Encuentro Latino

St. Philip Neri Parish
Uptown Bronx Faith and Fellowship Young Adult Nights

St. Simon of Stock and St. Joseph Parish
"Let's the children come to Me"

Dutchess

Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony Parish, Amenia,
Jumpstart YFF

St. Denis Parish, Hopewell Junction
St. Denis Teen Club

St. John the Evangelist and St. Charles Borromeo Parish
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sullivan

St. Peter Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Joseph Parish
St Peter's Youth Group

2026 Grant Recipients

Westchester

Assumption Parish, Peekskill
Adopt a Baby

Blessed Sacrament Parish, New Rochelle
New York Black Catholic Retreat Weekend

Holy Innocents Parish, Pleasantville
Young Adult & Youth Media Ministry (YAYMM)

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Valhalla
Hail Mary's Hands

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Elmsford
Eucharistic Catechetical Revival

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Elmsford
Pastoral Center Programming for Evangelization

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Yonkers
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Casimir Youth Ministry

St. Ann Parish, Ossining
New Visions of Catholic Faith Formation

St. Bartholomew Parish, Yonkers
Parish Discipleship & Evangelization Project

St. Casimir Parish, Yonkers
St. Casimir's Youth Faith Formation Expansion

St. Gregory the Great Parish, Harrison
Religious Education Technology

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Katonah
God's Tapestry - Youth Formation Engagement

Putnam

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Mahopac
Catholic Art Club for Kids

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Mahopac
Polish Catholic Holiday Outreach

St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Brewster, Sacred Heart Parish, Patterson
Growing a Culture of Life: A Parish-Based Family Initiative

Ulster

Parish of St. Mary-Holy Name of Jesus-St. Peter-Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Sacred Heart, Kingston
School of Theology for Spanish-Speaking Laity

St. Joseph Parish, Kingston
Cast Into the Deep

St. Joseph Parish, Kingston
Ongoing Human Formation for Clergy of the Archdiocese of New York

St. Joseph Parish, Kingston
Spiritual Formation for Clergy

St. Mary and St. Andrew Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Ellenville
Youth & Young Adult

Rockland

St. Anthony Parish, Nanuet
St. Anthony Closet for Moms and Babies



2026 Grant Recipients

Staten Island

Our Lady of Good Counsel Sts. Peter and Paul and Assumption Parish
Weekly Soup Kitchen and Monthly Community Meals

Sacred Heart Parish
Advancing Marian Devotion Through the Santacruzan Tradition: An Expanded FILCA Cathedral Program

Sacred Heart Parish
Inclusive Worship Mass for Children with Diverse Learning Needs

St. Patrick Parish
QR Codes for Learning/Mobile Smart Board

Orange

Holy Rosary Parish, Greenwood Lake
Family-Based Faith Formation Initiative

Holy Rosary Parish, Greenwood Lake
Foundations of Faith: Parish-Wide Catechetical Renewal Program

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Newburgh
Respect Life Ministry

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Newburgh
Respect Life Mission to Homeless and Immigrants

Special Transportation Grants - $63,241.02

Catholic Youth Weekend, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

$27,991 Amount Awarded

9 Grants Awarded

March for Life, Washington, D.C.

$35,250 Amount Awarded

14 Grants Awarded



"We are incredibly grateful for the 2026 March for Life Transportation Grant, as it almost doubled the number of parishes that sent buses to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.. This grant made it possible for many more parishioners to have a powerful and encouraging experience of the culture of life by praying and witnessing on behalf of the most vulnerable at the national March for Life."
- Sisters of Life

Looking Ahead: FY2027 Application Cycle

The *Sharing God's Gifts* Pastoral Grants Program will continue in FY2027 with two pastoral grant cycles and two transportation grant opportunities for parishes and eligible ministry partners across the Archdiocese of New York.

FY27 Cycle 1

Opened October 1, 2026

Deadline November 1, 2026

FY27 Cycle 2

Opens February 1, 2027

Deadline March 1, 2027

March for Life Transportation

Event January 22, 2027

Opens October 1, 2026

Deadline November 1, 2026

New York Catholic Youth Day Transportation

Event April 17-18, 2027

Opens October 1, 2026

Deadline February 22, 2027

For Parishes and Ministry Leaders

A parish may submit applications for multiple new or expanded programs during each pastoral grant cycle. The program guidelines cap awards at $35,000 per project. Awarded projects may be funded twice; after that, the parish is expected to sustain the ministry.

Reporting schedule: interim reports are due September 15, 2027 and final reports are due April 15, 2028.

Learn more, apply, or support parish mission

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