



## GRANTEE COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT

### **Congratulations on your grant from Foundations in Faith!**

Your pastoral care ministry is vital and should be known to the faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport. With that in mind, we put together this Grantee Communications Toolkit to help you communicate the impact of your work.

Announcing the grant award to your organization’s stakeholders and the community helps maintain and potentially initiate support and donations to Foundations in Faith and to your ministry.

### **ACKNOWLEDGING THE GRANT AWARD**

Reveal the grant award in your next bulletin, newsletter, donor update, and board or committee meeting.

Feature Foundations in Faith name and logo where appropriate, i.e. event programs, flyers and any event day-of signage.

We have 24in x 28in posters we can lend for your event. Please email [info@foundationsinfaith.org](mailto:info@foundationsinfaith.org) to arrange for pick-up/drop-off.



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| <b>GRANTS</b> | PROGRAM SUPPORT           | Competitive annual grants open to all Diocesan parishes and ministries that meet criteria for one of five of our funds           |
|               | GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT | Donor-designated grants for Diocesan ministries  |
|               | ST FRANCIS XAVIER FUND    | Ongoing grants in line with fund's strategic vision available to select parishes   |
|               | MINI-GRANTS               | Invitation-only grants up to \$2000 for Diocesan parishes and ministries demonstrating innovative approaches or exceptional need |

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**Remember to always refer to us by Foundations in Faith, not FIF or any abbreviate forms.**

Examples:

*This ministry is made possible by Foundations in Faith.*

*This event was funded in part by a grant from Foundations in Faith.*

**When describing Foundations in Faith, please use the following:**

*Foundations in Faith is committed to transforming pastoral care ministries in the Diocese of Bridgeport by fostering a spirit of encounter and accompaniment with Christ through grant awards to programs in faith formation, evangelization, education, special needs, nursing homes, missionary parishes, and religious vocations.*

**You may also include us in your website and social media channels.**

→ Follow Foundations in Faith on Instagram [@foundationsinfaithbpt](https://www.instagram.com/foundationsinfaithbpt) and we will follow you back!

→ Be sure to always feature a photo that showcases your ministry for maximum impact.

Sample posts:

*We're so happy to receive a grant award of \$XXXX from @foundationsinfaithbpt to support our ministry—This grant will help us to continue bringing our youth closer to Christ!*

*Thanks to @foundationsinfaithbpt for a \$XXXX grant in support of our [ministry/program/event name]!*

## **TELLING YOUR STORIES**

We know the value of your work. And by telling your story in the form of a narrative, your ministry comes alive to those who don't know.

To this end, you may write an essay or record a video testimonial highlighting a particular success of your program or organization supported by Foundations in Faith.

→ Please send your essay, video, and any photos to [info@foundationsinfaith.org](mailto:info@foundationsinfaith.org) with your parish or organization's name in the subject line.

We'll do our best to share these with our stakeholders and distribute with our diocesan communications partners like the Fairfield County Catholic.

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