

**Grants to Small Congregations
In Support of Ministry to Children and/or Youth**

Purpose: The Diocese of Western Louisiana maintains a fund from which grants may be distributed to small parishes in support of their ministry to children and/or youth. These funds are to be used to subsidize innovative start-up, one-time projects, programs, or events that will have an ongoing impact on ministry to children and/or youth. The monies **are not** to be used for operating expenses.

Eligibility: Parishes with an average Sunday attendance of 100 or less may apply for a grant.

Grant amount: The dollar amount of each individual grant will depend upon the total number of grant proposals approved for funding.

Procedure: Complete the application form and submit to Joy Owensby, Missioner for Children, Youth, and Young Adults, Diocese of Western Louisiana, P.O. Box 2031, Alexandria, LA 71309. You may also scan your application and email it to jowensby@diocesewla.org. **All applications should be received by July 15, 2015.** Applications will be reviewed by the Christian Formation Commission, and grant recipients will be announced September 1, 2015.

Questions? Contact Joy Owensby, Missioner for Children, Youth, and Young Adults, jowensby@diocesewla.org.

Note: While we hope that grants will continue to be offered beyond 2015, we can only guarantee their availability this year.

**Application Form for Grants to Small Congregations
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1. Parish _____

Contact Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

2. Describe proposed program/project/event, including statement of purpose, target group that will be served, and timeframe for completion.

3. How will this program/project/event have an ongoing impact on ministry to children and/or youth in your parish?

4. Attach a detailed budget on a separate sheet of paper.

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