

# Vibrant Ministries Appeal grant available to support Formation

*My Dear Priests, Deacons, PLC, DREs/CREs, Catechists, Youth Leaders, and all who minister with our children, youth, and adults in Catholic Faith Formation:*

**G**reetings this Easter Season in our Risen Lord! I hope your Triduum was a joy-filled and fruitful experience.

Our Loving God has blessed us abundantly with our Vibrant Ministries: Uniting our Church appeal. We are nearing our goal of \$10 million in almsgiving, shared by more than 5,000 families in our diocese of 48 parishes. This has been a sacrificial and generous journey by the faithful! **"And be thankful ... with gratitude in your hearts to God ... giving thanks to God"** (Col 3:15-17).

We are continuing to put Alms into Action, specifically in the Catholic Faith Formation goal. At right is a Parish Grant Application for Parish School of Religion, Youth, Young Adult and Adult Ministries. I pray that you will discuss with staff, volunteers, and parishioners opportunities to look to the future, to be pro-active, to be strategic, to be architects with these alms. See the appendix for some ideas, but please do not restrict your imagination. How do we grow in our formation in the Catholic Faith of the Risen One, Jesus Christ?

Even with the tremendous generosity of the faithful, these funds are not unlimited, nor will they last forever. Thus I added the phrase "include all funding sources including parish and individual contributions." Some parishes can afford these resources out of their own budgets. Some parishes cannot – this is what Vibrant Ministries is for.

**Applications are due by May 31, 2018 for the Fall Semester, and/or October 31, 2018 for the Spring Semester.**

**Send the application to Dan Stremel, Finance Officer, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801.**

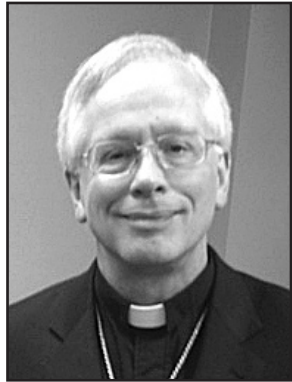
If you have questions, contact Dan Stremel, (620) 227-1517 (dstremel@dcdioocese.org) or Mark Roth, Development Director, (620) 227-1535 (mroth@dcdioocese.org). You may be directed to a specific Chancery Director, DRE, Catechist, etc., who may better assist you.

Thank you for your dedication to forming our children, youth, and adults in the Catholic Faith of Jesus Christ and His Church. He will help us; Jesus loves us more than we can ask or imagine!

Be assured of my prayers for you, your family, and your parish. May you have a blessed Easter season and beyond in the Lord,

*+ Most Rev. John B. Brungardt*

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The **Vibrant Ministries — Uniting Our Church** appeal is announcing the creation of a grant available to those who work in youth, young adult, and adult faith formation. There is no specific dollar amount offered. Instead, the grant is based on the needs and budget expressed by the applicant.

## ***Vibrant Ministries Appeal Parish Grant Application***

Name of Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

Person Completing Grant Application & Position \_\_\_\_\_

***Type of Grant Applied for (Complete separate application for each selected)***

- PSR Curriculum  
 PSR Technology  
 Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
 PSR Catechist Coaching  
 Pastoral Ministry Formation Scholarship: Name(s) of Persons and parish position (Rel Ed Director, Catechist, volunteer, parishioner, etc., for which scholarship is applied).  
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 Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Is this program a new or continuing program/project?  New  Continuing  
 2) If continuing, how has the program/project been funded in past years?

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- 3) Describe the need for the grant and how it will be used.

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- 4) Budget for Funded Program – describe in detail all expenses of the program. *Please attach a complete budget to the application.* Incorporate all funding sources, including parish and individual contributions.

- 5) How will the parish address the funding needs for this program/project if grant funding is not awarded?

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 Grant Applicant Signature Date Pastor Date

***"Give alms ... for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Luke 12:33-34).***

### ***Ideas for putting the grant funding to work***

Ideas for grant uses (use these ideas as a springboard for your concepts; this is not an exhaustive list):

- Curriculum resources (books, workbooks, DVDs, CDs, Internet sites that have a fee like "formed.org," etc.).
- Technology (laptop computers, projection systems, screens, iDevices, speakers, etc.). A "Smart-Classroom," or an ITV room. Wifi in the PSR/Youth group/Adult faith formation classrooms and areas (with proper passwords and security for a safe environment).

- Continuing formation for catechists, parents, youth leaders and other interested parishioners (Pastoral Ministry Formation, Catechist Coaching, college classes, webinars, etc.)
- Conferences and workshops for adults and youth (registration, travel, lodging, etc.)
- Fees for guest speakers to come to the parish, etc.
- Occasionally, I receive a grant opportunity from the Bishops' Conference or other institution in the area of faith formation. We will

keep you posted on these possibilities throughout the year.

Let your creativity run! How do we bring all the faithful in the parish to a greater knowledge, service, and love of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church?

*-- Bishop John*

***"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." (1 Thes 5:11)***