



Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation
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NMCF Awards \$70,000 to Catholic Schools and Pregnancy Resource Centers in northern Michigan

Gaylord, Michigan – The Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation (NMCF) announced this week that they have awarded a total of \$50,000 to seven Catholic Schools and \$20,000 to pregnancy resource centers located in northern Michigan. Grants were made possible through the NMCF Cornerstone Fund.

“Our board believes in the power of Catholic education to build our faith communities and support our church. We know that many of our future Catholic leaders are in our Catholic schools today,” said Joel Myler, Chairman of the NMCF Board of Directors, “For our donors who give to NMCF, they are able to support important organizations like Catholic schools or centers that support life and the unborn, leveraging their donation to make an even wider impact in their faith community”.

Examples of programs funded through NMCF’s School Grant program included new religious education textbooks in Rogers City, new library books at Manistee Central, a robust recruitment program at St. Mary’s in Lake Leelanau, renovations to create a convent for incoming Dominican sisters in Traverse City, and an outdoor reflection space in Gaylord. This was a competitive grant program that was open to any Catholic school located in northern Michigan.

In addition to the school grants, NMCF awarded a total of \$20,000 to four pregnancy resource centers located in West Branch, Petoskey, Traverse City and Gaylord. These grants are to support the work of the pregnancy resource centers to protect life and the unborn and were given during the month of May to honor the Blessed Mother Mary.

NMCF was first established in 1998 and has served the Catholic organizations, schools, and parishes within the northern Michigan Catholic community for more than 20 years. “Our mission is simple,” said NMCF President Christie Perdue, “We work to support the spiritual, educational and social needs of our Roman Catholic Community. We do this by working with donors and organizations to build endowments that support the future sustainability of these organizations and the faith communities they serve forever.”

The Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation has more than 70 funds and \$26 million in assets. The funds at NMCF specifically support a variety of organizations, including parishes, schools, local Catholic organizations such as St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic cemeteries, Catholic missions such as Hispanic Ministry and youth programs, along with scholarship funds. The NMCF Board of Directors also oversees unrestricted funds which work to support areas of need within the Catholic communities of northern Michigan.

For more information about the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation please contact Christie Perdue, President at 231-922-9070. For a full list of 2021 grants from NMCF please visit their website www.nmcatholicfoundation.org.

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The Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation serves the donors, parishes, schools, Catholic organizations and missions that exist to build and sustain Catholic communities of faith throughout northern Michigan. NMCF works with organizations and donors to build endowment funds, which annually produce income for the Catholic missions they are dedicated to support. Currently, NMCF has more than 70 funds and a total of \$26 million in assets.



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