



# CATHOLIC FAITH FELLOWSHIP

March 31, 2021

Michael F. Bannwarth, Vice President-Finance  
Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota  
523 North Duluth Avenue  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104

Reference: Grant Follow-up—Catholic Faith Fellowship

Dear Mr. Bannwarth:

This correspondence is regarding the use of the \$3,000 grant award to Immaculate Conception Parish—Lake Area Technical College and Mount Marty University, Watertown Campus Catholic Faith Fellowship.

After the award of the grant funding, contact was made with the administrations-student services of LATC and MMU, Watertown Campuses. Notices of weekly CFF meetings and special events have been shared with the aforementioned institutions and distributed to their students via Facebook, emails and text messages.

CFF has been meeting weekly in the meeting space of Divine Providence of South Dakota located at 525 South Lake Drive, Watertown, SD. All food has been gifted by private donors.

Initially, we budget for long sleeve tee shirts for the CFF leadership team; however, the expense of those items were gifted by a private donor.

Initially, we budgeted for travel to parishes outside of Codington County. Thus far, five trips have been made to Webster, Waubay, Florence, Henry and Clark. Gas voucher forms have been submitted to the Immaculate Conception Parish Office for travel reimbursement.

CFF has provided “talks” after each of the masses at the following locations:

- Holy Name of Jesus Church, Watertown, January 9 & 10, 2021
- Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Kranzburg, January 16 & 17, 2021
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown, January 23 & 24, 2021



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- St. Michaels Parish, Clark, February 10, spoke with Fr. Dan Smith on ministry. Speaking to parishioners to be determined. (\$26.04)
- St. Henry Parish, Henry, February 10, spoke with Fr. Dan Smith on ministry. Speaking with parishioners date to be determined.
- Immaculate Conception, Waubay, March 7, 2021 (\$37.80)
- Christ the King, Webster, March 7, 2021 (\$37.80)

Roster of the Diocese was obtained so that each Parish-Priest could be contacted regarding setting up a time/date to schedule after mass “talks.”

The following is a script of the “talks” that was used by the CFF leadership team:

Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I’m a member of Catholic Faith Fellowship, also known as CFF. We are a group of college aged, young adults who are excited about our Catholic Faith and growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ. We gather every Tuesday evening at 7 PM behind the residence of 525 S.Lake Drive for food, fellowship and faith—to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another.

Recently, we wrote a grant and received an award from the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota—we proposed an outreach initiative in alignment with Bishop Donald DeGrood’s Vision of Missionary Discipleship and in preparation of the arrival of NET Ministries in the Watertown Deanery, **April 6-May 8, 2021**. Between now and April, we hope to reach every Catholic college-aged young adult in the Watertown Deanery and invite them to CFF. Our goals are as follows:

1. Help others have an encounter with God.
2. Help other begin and grow in their relationship with God.
3. Give to others the gift of God we have received.

Again, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I hope that if you are a college-aged young adult that you’ll join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM behind 525 S. Lake Drive for food, fellowship and faith. I’m going to leave some flyers, which have my contact information with Father \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can call, text or email me for more information. Thank you and God bless you.

Father Gregory Frankman was extremely receptive and shared that Sisseton was hosting the NET Ministry Team. He requested that CFF collaborate with these young adults after NET Ministries has departed to continue collaboration and evangelistic efforts.



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Additional events outlined in the grant application included a movie night, basketball tourney and a cookout. Below are the funding details for said events:

**Movie Night:** On Saturday March 13, after Saturday Night mass, CFF partnered with the Knights of Columbus and used their hall to watch the movie—FATIMA. The event was marketed as a Family Night experience. The movie night was promoted by our Flocknote text-messaging system to the entire parish, posted on Facebook by Immaculate Conception parish, shared on Facebook on CFF's, and shared on the personal Facebook pages of members of CFF. Attendance of the event was estimated at 25 people who came to the event. We opened in prayer to open our hearts to the story of Fatima. Pizza, pop, water was all purchased for the event. Popcorn was donated and provided by the Knights of Columbus council in Watertown. Pizza was purchased for \$115.98 and beverages were purchased for \$37.89. We ended the night in prayer and asked the Blessed Mother's intercession.

**Basketball Tournament:** We originally had this scheduled for April 7, 2021 to have our events completed before the arrival of NET Ministries in the Watertown Deanery. With Easter liturgies, confirmation, first Holy Communion for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, COVID-19, vaccines rolling out, and with guidance of our team and Immaculate Conception we pushed it back to June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm to give us time to prepare for the event and to offer something at a time where there isn't so much going on. Pizza, snacks, and beverages will be provided. We will open and close in prayer. We will have members of CFF play against members of the Faith Formation programs. Amount for the event is estimated to be \$300 in accordance to what was submitted in the grant proposal.

**Cookout:** The CFF and NET Ministries cookout at Divine Providence has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 27 at 7 pm. Food will be provided along with fellowship among the CFF group and NET ministries. A private donor is funding this event.

I want to thank everyone from the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota for the gift of this grant. With the grant, we are able to reach out to communities in the Watertown deanery and reach out to young adults to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ

God Bless,

Ryan Hanten  
Catholic Faith Fellowship



## Grant Distribution Progress Report

Please print or type, separate sheets are acceptable:

Today's Date: April 2021 Date Grant Awarded: November 2020

Project/Ministry Name: NET Ministries

Project/Ministry Coordinator: Eric Gallagher

*(if changed from original grant request, please include updated contact information)*

Amount of Grant Awarded : \$15,000

### **1. Detail of the ministry/project's allocation of funds. If possible, attach receipts copies.**

Grant money was primarily used to supplement the budget in order to be able to make the team more freely available, especially to our most rural parishes. We have not had to charge parishes for bringing in the team.

### **2. How successful has the project/ministry been in accomplishing the objectives stated in the grant application?**

The team will have visited/served more than 80 parishes in the Diocese of Sioux Falls throughout this academic year. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

### **3. Please share a "success story" from the project/ministry.**

The NET team assisted the two parishes in Mitchell to kick off a *Small Group Initiative*. This initiative helps a good handful of youth small groups get started, but also ended up encouraging 13 adult small groups to start as well. Nearly all of these groups have continued meeting even after the missionaries had moved on to the next region.

**4. Do you have any comments or additional information relevant to your grant award that you'd like to share?**

We have had an incredible response and many fruits of the efforts this year. So much so that Bishop DeGrood has given us permission to pursue an "in house" version of NET that will allow us to continue to grow these efforts both in forming young adult missionary disciples to serve around the diocese but also to continue to make these missionaries available throughout the diocese year round. Without the investment and support of the Catholic Community Foundation, we wouldn't have been able to take these steps towards what we hope to be a thriving and financially self-sustaining program over time.

Progress reports must be submitted to the Catholic Community Foundation within 6-months of the grant distribution.  
**Please email Progress Report & any additional information to [mbannwarth@ccfesd.org](mailto:mbannwarth@ccfesd.org) or mail to:  
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