

***NEW* – Diocesan Youth Endowment Fund**

The *Diocesan Youth Endowment Fund* was created from part of the investment interest accrued in the Diocesan Capital Campaign. This fund has been formed to support youth ministry and youth formation within the diocese. Currently, the fund may provide grants to parishes that have high school youth and adult youth ministry leaders in need of financial assistance to be able to attend the following activities:

- The Diocesan Youth Conference - March 2018
- Camp Re-New-All - Summer 2018
- Steubenville Youth Conferences - July of 2018

In addition, a portion of the fund has been allocated for the following:

- Implementation of a new diocesan program next summer, known as *Totus Tuus*, for some of the smaller parish communities within our diocese. *Totus Tuus* is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.
- Retreat Leadership Training for retreat teams in the Catholic high schools
- One time special parish grants for use in establishing a program, training activity, or special event that would benefit the youth within a parish with limited youth ministry/youth formation funding.

We presently have a more limited budget in the new *Diocesan Youth Endowment Fund*. However, as the investment interest from the Capital Campaign Endowment grows, the possibilities for supporting the growth of existing ministries, as well as creating new and more effective ways of serving the youth within our diocese will grow as well. We will continue seeking the input of ministry leaders throughout the year and continue to pray together for God's wisdom in discerning His plans for the diocese. Each June, the committee will reassemble with Bishop Rice and present the current suggestions and needs of the youth and youth formation leaders to discern the next steps.

To apply for a grant for the *Diocesan Youth Endowment Fund*, a representative from the parish would complete the form with the pastor's approval. It would then be sent to the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth Formation for consideration. A small committee will be gathering at designated times throughout the year to read and approve the applications. For those applying for assistance in attending one of the approved youth conferences or camps listed above, applications may be made on behalf of both youth and adult youth ministry leaders who are in need of financial assistance for attending these events. Registration fees will be considered first and then lodging, meals, and travel expenses will be considered secondarily.