
2018 Consistent Life Ethic Grant

Life Issues Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester 1150 Buffalo Road Rochester NY 14624

DEFINITION

The Consistent Life Ethic is the underlying principle of our faith that urges us to affirm life from the moment of conception to natural death, in attitude as well as action. Most urgently, the Consistent Life Ethic calls us to protect life that is threatened by forces we oppose, including but not limited to abortion, economic injustice, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, war, human trafficking, domestic violence, and any other form of violence.

The Consistent Life Ethic Grant is made possible by a grant from Fidelis, the NYS Bishop's insurance agency. The purpose of the grant is to support and encourage efforts that affirm life and promote the Consistent Life Ethic.

APPLICANTS

A grant applicant can be a group or organization, established or newly formed (a pastoral council, social ministry committee, school, class, youth group, ad hoc group, community agency, organization, etc.). A grant applicant is not required to be involved in all Consistent Life Ethic issues, but must neither publicly challenge nor oppose life concerns that are not its own first priority.

PROJECTS

A project for which an applicant is seeking funds must demonstrate that the project holds the Consistent Life Ethic as its philosophy (see definition, above). Projects should be a specific initiative of the organization or program. Examples of projects that have received funds include: Comfort Packs, Bed Purchase Program (for refugee children), Tigers Engage (college student outreach to homeless), Transportation Assistance Program, Supporting Language Learners, Spring Education Series, Updating Donor & Client Brochures, Food for Parents Project, Emergency Support for Under-Served Victims, Care Net to Go (mobile program for teen education/support), Pregnancy Mentorship Program, New Technology for Client Outreach or Education.

A project for which an applicant is seeking funds can be a completely new venture or a fully operational and existing effort:

- *New Project* funding is intended to support start-up of an effort that will address unmet need(s).
- *Existing Project* funding is intended to help maintain or expand an established effort.

GRANTS

Grants are awarded from available resources, which vary from year to year. The average grant amount is \$500. Please consider this information during grant request preparation. The amount awarded in any grant may differ from the amount requested, depending on the number of grant applications, priority of need, and available resources. Having received Consistent Life Ethic grants in the past *will not* affect future funding, but whether or not last year's grant report section is completed if applicant received that grant *will* affect funding this year.

GRANT COMPLETION *Please note!*

After opening the CLE Grant Application PDF, click on File and Save As, then save the file. Now you will be able to not only type on the lines, but save it as you go and then attach it to your email. Be sure to complete the budget section according to the sample provided.

Applications for grants must be received electronically (preferred) or postmarked by

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Grants will be announced by Friday, March 24, 2018

(Preferred) Attach completed application in email with 'CLE Grant App' in the subject line to suzanne.stack@dor.org

****Grant applications need to be submitted with the above subject line to be considered.****

**If necessary, mail to Life Issues Coordinator
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1150 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624-1890**

For application assistance, or further information, contact:

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