

Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County - 2013 Spring Grant Program

Applied Endowment	Project Title	Project Description	Parish
Parish Outreach	Office of Social Ministry	To continue services of "The Window" providing 200 people/day with groceries, meals, phone services, referrals to other agencies and a mailing address for the homeless. We also provide a health fair and substance abuse education.	Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph
	Give a Gift to Jesus	Parishioners provide a \$20 gift for each child however to ensure consistency each child will also receive a \$20 gift card for clothing or other necessities (200+ children participate)	Christ the King
	Ascent Employment Program	ASCENT assists the unemployed with their job search by hosting job search help seminars at different locations. They are planning to do 3 seminars a month for 12 months. The seminars will help those with computer usage, resume buildup, interviewing skills, etc.	Queen of Apostles
	Emergency Meals for the Hungry	We are requesting 3 months rent from the parish for use of facilities to feed the hungry.	Sacred Heart, San Jose
	Sacred Heart Education Center: Homework and English Program	The Homework Program provides student academic support (4 days/wk, 3 hour/day during school year). The English class provides conversational English classes for parents of the homework program participants and the Spanish ministers of the parish.	Sacred Heart, San Jose
	Parish Health Fair	Parish Health Fair open to the whole community. Advertised in our local paper (the Milpitas Post) and all SJ Diocese parishes. We provide free flu shots, blood pressure and blood sugar tests, medical advice and health & nutrition information. We are working on securing dental/eye service staff as well. We see this as an opportunity to reduce the risk of a flu epidemic in our community, especially among the most vulnerable.	St. Elizabeth
	Assistance to Defray PACT	We request funds to defray PACT membership dues. Due to the continued economic hardship our parishioners have been experiencing, there has been a drop in contributions to support this program. PACT helps St. Julies create community and improve the quality of life for thousands in Santa Clara County by ensuring children have access to public schools and are prepared for life and college. Provides health coverage for children in partnership with PICA National Network. Also promotes immigration reform; works to expand mental health services; builds bridges across diverse populations.	St. Julie Billiard
	Youth Program St. Julie's Breakfast Ministry@Innvision	Funds to defray the cost of purchasing meal ingredients on one Saturday per quarter for St. Julie's Breakfast Ministry at Innvision. Our parish youth will assist in breakfast preparation and serving the homeless. Youth involvement will provide opportunities for them to learn practical applications and skills through collaboration and to stimulate their involvement in ongoing community outreach projects.	St. Julie Billiard
	Continuing to Help the Needy	We have added weekend hours, alternate Saturdays from 10:00am-11:45am to provide aid to those unable to come during the week. We hope to reach more people who may be struggling even though they might be employed. Our food pantry is currently dry goods only so we hope to increase our food budget so as to provide greater dollar value vouchers for fresh produce, etc. This would assure that we are getting better nutrition to our clients. We also hope to meet the increased need for backpacks for 78 families (last year's request went from 55 to 175 the previous year)	St. Lucy
	St.Thomas Aquinas Conference of St. Vincent de Paul	Our conference provides emergency referral and financial help for those in need. Financial help is provided by food vouchers, St. Vincent de Paul store vouchers, checks for purchases of prescriptions, checks to pay cell phone/utilities/rent/DMV Registration/Auto Repair bills along with travel costs to family funerals and other necessities of life.	St. Thomas Aquinas

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Parish Stewardship	Diocesan Stewardship Seminar	We will be conducting Diocesan Stewardship Workshops with nationally recognized speakers as part of a series to touch pastors, priests and parishioners from each of our communities in English and Spanish. We would expect approximately 200 people to attend. Speakers will be well known in Stewardship circles. We hope that several of our parishes begin their own Stewardship workshops to advance stewardship in their parish.	Diocese of San Jose
	Parish Assessment and Renewal	We setup a two part process for assessing and renewing our parish: (1) Assessment phase- Written surveys sent to 400 randomly selected people (additional available to others) Fr. Sweetser, SJ, Will spend 2 weeks overseeing the various facets of parish life & ministries, interviewing staff and key leaders and conducting town hall meetings. (2) Renewal Phase: Team will meet to discuss results, formulate a plan to implement recommendations, spend 6 months implementing the plan and then will meet to follow-up, troubleshoot and offer suggestions moving forward.	St. Francis of Assisi
	A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Families	One our parish's greatest treasures is the fine collection of Catholic books (many out of print) available from our Shrine Library. Unfortunately, the library is 100% maintained by a select group of trained volunteer librarians serving 2 hours a week. We have a small number of wise parishioners who do use the library and provide universal praise (especially visiting priests). This project would pro-actively engage parishioners throughout the Diocese to visit our library at least once and hopefully utilize these resources for school, leisure time or faith formation. With this grant we hope to create a brand and market it to all of the parishes and schools. A secondary goal would be to solicit help from more volunteers to be able to keep the library open and/or extend hours.	Our Lady of Peace Church
	Stewardship Program	To continue our stewardship project by training our staff & stewardship committee in order for them to be able to train our ministers and expand the idea of stewardship to all aspects of our parish. This includes: on-site training, minister training on catechetical information, workshops and the Annual Diocesan Stewardship conference.	Sacred Heart, San Jose
	Stewardship Conference, Dallas TX	Conference attendance for one person (Stewardship conference Dallas, TX 9/21-26, 2013) in line with church's 50th anniversary. Includes plane ticket and hotel only. Additional stewardship knowledge will be a great resource for the parish.	St. Cyprian
	St. John the Baptist Technology Upgrade	We desperately need new laptop computers for managing youth and facilities programs and office administration. Most importantly the Online Ministry software program will replace "Time and Talent, our current tool which will soon be obsolete. Online Ministry will synch with Parishsoft and help us manage our parishioner population.	St. John the Baptist
	40th Anniversary Multi-Media Project	2014 Marks the 40th anniversary of St. Julies. Remaining founders are elderly so we plan to build a historical record of the parish from inception thru today. This project would be recorded on various multi-media formats-digital, video and print. It has two parts: An oral history phase where we would invite community members to relate stories about events in the life of the community throughout the years. Also, we would provide a bio of important lay leaders in the parish throughout its history using video/digital photos and written text. Historical "minutes" will be posted in monthly newsletter, Congregation will write prayers and wishes which will then be compiled and placed in a time capsule.	St. Julie Billiard
	Parishsoft Users Conference	Funds to send Pastor and 2 staff to ParishSoft User's Conference (Baltimore, MD Oct. 21-23 '13). Will attend workshops and hands on training for Stewardship & Engagement; Communication; Fundraising; Ministry & Technology; Priest Track.	St. Julie Billiard

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	Leadership Training	The Pastoral Council identified as a major success factor in meeting our goals the presence of experienced leadership among the staff and volunteers. They recommended training so we propose a course for staff and one for volunteer leaders. The curricula is to provide parish-paid on-site courses in English and Spanish to establish a base understanding of leadership and management skills. Courses would be offered to those who are new and a refresher for veterans. A 2nd higher level training would be added and paid by participant at a discount.	St. Lucy
	Continue to Advance Stewardship as a Way of Life	We would like to hold a Stewardship retreat for our parishioners with a focus on a particular pillar of Stewardship, for 2013 the focus is "Service". We also hold several gratitude gatherings throughout the year. Finally we strive to strengthen communication efforts by improving signage on parish grounds and by making improvements to the parish website.	St. Maria Goretti
Pastoral Ministry Training and Formation	Center for Theological and Spiritual Formation	This program began 2012-13 academic year and the grant would fund a portion of it. Through the CTSF we hope to offer: (1) Newman nights-weekly lecture and small group series (2) Winter quarter symposium open to everyone on Vatican II (3) Spring quarter course for Stanford credit on Vatican II (4) online components in support of each. We also would like to bring in a p/t Content Curator; PhD theologian who is able to research existing curricular and tech. resources, coordinate collaborative opportunities and post info on the CC@S website.	Catholic Community at Stanford
	Catholic on Purpose: Committing to Christ	Over the next 5 years we will work with 5 parishes to reimagine faith formation that is effective. Phase 1: Name 5 parishes, develop orientation sessions and train 3 staff on "Forming Intentional Disciples, Strong Catholic Families , The Vision of 21st Century Faith Formation taught by field ministry experts. Phase 2: 3 trained staff will act as coach/consultant implementing new models of faith formation.	Diocese of San Jose
	Pure Fire Retreat-Diocesan Young Adult Retreat	This retreat is a direct service we hope to provide annually for young adults in Santa Clara County. Parish young adult programs and/or retreats are seldom to none so we are meeting a need which aims to fulfill our mission. Weekend retreats are costly which can deter young adults from participating. This retreat is offered once a year and includes praise & worship music, keynote speaker, group discussions, community builders, indoor/outdoor activities, breakout sessions, prayer, reconciliation & liturgy.	Diocese of San Jose
	Training for Sign Language Interpreters in Catholic Ministerial Settings in the Diocese	SJ Diocese seeks to provide a training program to ASL interpreters to insure quality and accurate ASL interpretation of liturgy for the deaf community. Those who complete the training effectively will be put on a list of interpreters for liturgies in the Diocesan policy of "Working with Sign Language Interpreters in Catholic Ministerial Settings".	Diocese of San Jose
	New Church Classroom Readiness	To supply 11 classrooms in our new facility (SJ -former Protestant church) with critical materials and equipment for Aug. 2013 move. Goal is to equip classrooms with computers, projectors/screens copier/printers, bulletin/corkboards, whiteboards, bookshelves, clocks & supplies to meet the needs of our parishioners.	Holy Korean Martyrs
	Companions in Ignation Service and Spirituality	This project will focus on growing and sustaining participant engagement within the SJ Diocese thru the adaptation of our successful prayer guide, the inception of a scholarship fund and the enrichment of our annual Catholic Social Teaching retreat.	California Province of the Society of Jesus
	Youth Ministry Programming	We seek to fund youth ministry programming costs for the 2013-14 fiscal year. While each program (catechesis and youth group) fundraises individually we seek funding for events the bring the two groups together: 2013 LA Congress Youth Day and one off-site retreat in the early summer 2014.	Sacred Heart, San Jose

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Formation for Volunteers and Ministers	This request will enable us to provide meaningful opportunities to those volunteers who do not have the financial ability to pay on their own (Institute for Leadership in Ministry). It will also offset the cost for our teens who are unable to pay to attend a retreat in the fall or our mandatory Confirmation retreat in the Spring (Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference and Los Angeles Religious Education Congress).	Saint Martin Parish, Sunnyvale
Santa Teresa Parish Youth Group Mission	Projects to attract Youth to develop their sense of discipleship of Jesus to others. The three projects include (1) Monthly Youth Events at the Parish (post youth mass discussion groups) (2) Parish Youth Retreat - this would be our first retreat since 2011 where had 40 students participating. It would take place at San Juan Bautista Retreat Center. (3) RCE Youth Day (LA Congress) A field trip to Los Angeles for Youth to attend this event. It acts as a catalyst that some of the youth need to get a start in finding their faith.	Santa Teresa
Catechetical Training Program	This training program will focus on catechesis skills and spiritual enrichment for the catechists. Activities will include guest speakers for four interactive training workshops on various topics; sponsor registration fees for catechists to attend a Faith Formation Conference and LA Congress, and materials and resources used for the training sessions.	St. Athanasius
Spiritual Renewal Series-Growing in Faith through Parish Ministry and Service	We are seeking funds for a 3 session parish spiritual renewal series "Growing in Faith through Parish Ministry and Service". We hope to deepen the understanding of ministry and service to the parish as a call from Christ and as a path to spiritual renewal as opposed to emotional and spiritual burnout. The series would be held Saturday mornings and include light meals. Since our parish is 50% Spanish speaking it would include sessions in both languages but meals and prayer would be together. Objective 1) Inform & Educate on the service and the model Jesus shows us in the Gospel. Various spiritual practices that can bring about spiritual renewal and focus on their ministry service and how to cope with difficulties and challenges that arise in ministering in a parish; encourage potential volunteers to meet others currently serving; provide fellowship and community building.	St. Athanasius
Ladies of Charity National Assembly Training	We are hosting the National Annual assembly and requesting funds to cover the cost for 5 of our members needing financial help to attend. The assembly brings people together from all over the country to educate and formulate plans and activities to assist in systemic change for women and children that need assistance.	St. Catherine of Alexandria
New Evangelization Pilot Program titled Catholic on Purpose: Committed to Christ	As one of the 5 chosen parishes chosen for the Diocese Evangelization pilot program, we are requesting support for the work of our staff and to provide evangelization opportunities for our parishioners.	St. Catherine of Alexandria
Liturgical Music Instruments	We have an active music ministry that we encourage parishioners to participate in. There are 13 choirs and a variety of musical instruments. This project would provide new instruments and equipment to enable choir practice and participation.	St. Elizabeth
Parish Missions	St. Elizabeth is a tri-lingual parish which desires to reach out to all parishioners and provide them with opportunities for faith formation. We have been slowly expanding our Advent & Lenten parish missions so that all 3 groups receive the same level of quality and amount of time. Request is for funding to cover cost of Advent and Lent missions for each of the three St. Elizabeth language groups.	St. Elizabeth

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	New Evangelization Retreat	The New Evangelization format will start thru our Faith Formation Ministry here at our parish. In order to give parishioners the maximum conversion experience we must give them a place to meet their spiritual needs. The project would include a kick-off retreat for busy parents of catechetical age and their children to help them reconnect to Jesus, reintroduce the love of God and Catholic Faith Practices & Traditions. Then we would like to provide a weekly prayerful meditative venue at Catholic family home groups. We would provide materials, learning activities. etc.	St. Francis of Assisi
	Multi-Parish Cooperative	To fund the Multi-Parish Cooperative and empower the parishes to address Diocesan priorities expressed in Diocesan Pastoral Plan for multi-ethnic parishes on the east side of San Jose. Project would include an action plan with pastors/staff/parish leadership to meet these needs and then develop and implement the programs. Costs include space for 7 summer sites, after school materials and contracted assistance.	St. Francis of Assisi, St. John Vianney, Holy Trinity, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christ the King, Our Lady of Refuge etc.
Pastoral Ministry	SJB Youth Development	The need for Youth Leadership training and collaboration is critical to the work with our diverse youth population. We haven't attended any retreats or trainings in many years. Also our youth community service programs are in desperate need of support so we are asking for funds to cover meals and care for the year. We also need DVD's, books and resources for our weekly movie nights.	St. John the Baptist
	St. Joseph Parish Music Ministry	St. Joseph Parish is the oldest of the parishes in the area. Our community has a duty of stewardship to maintain its liturgical services embracing traditions in keeping with liturgical norms. Funding is desperately needed to maintain Music Ministry. This grant would be applied to vesture for the choirs, certifications and parish membership in the Nat'l Assoc. of Pastoral Musicians. In addition, licenses and costs for sheet music and worship materials particular to liturgical celebrations with music. Finally, we are requesting continuing formation of music ministers by way of education and conferences.	St. Joseph Mountain View
	Youth Leadership Retreat	A two-night weekend leadership formation retreat for 20 youth leaders and 6 adults focusing on the role of the "youth leader" as a ministry and the skills needed for Christian Leadership.	St. Julie Billiart
	Create Youth Ministry Music Group and Expand Youth Ministry Programs	Create a Youth Ministry music group (jam sessions, play at masses) to enhance teen faith experience.	St. Lawrence the Martyr
	St. Lawrence Hispanic Community-Faith Formation and Ministry Training	Training for our liturgical ministers & choir members to understand the practical aspects of carrying out the tasks of the Liturgy and to understand their spiritual role in the Liturgy. Due to the limited number of Spanish speaking staff and the lack of adult catechists at St. Lawrence, we would need to bring in guest speakers to provide the training. We would like to send our weekly lay Minister team to the SJ Diocese Institute for Leadership in Ministry (Spanish track). And we want to provide scholarships to the 2013 Faith Formation Conference in Santa Clara and the 2014 Los Angeles Religious Education Conference.	St. Lawrence the Martyr
	Music Program	The parish needs new hymnals such as Breaking Bread, Flor Y Canto as well as sheet music, CD's and other various musical supplies. Each Lent we offer a Lenten concert and request funding to promote this event.	St. Leo the Great
	Formation for Youth, Young Adults and others in our parish	Provide meaningful opportunities to those volunteers who don't have the financial ability to pay on their own, or as a way of saying thank you to those who dedicate so much of their time in ministry to the community. It will also offset the cost for our teens who are unable to pay to attend a retreat in the fall, or our mandatory confirmation retreat in the Spring.	St. Maria Goretti