Salt and Light Grant

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

"Every believer is called to serve those in need, to work for justice, and to pursue peace. Every parish has the mission to help its members act on their faith in the world."

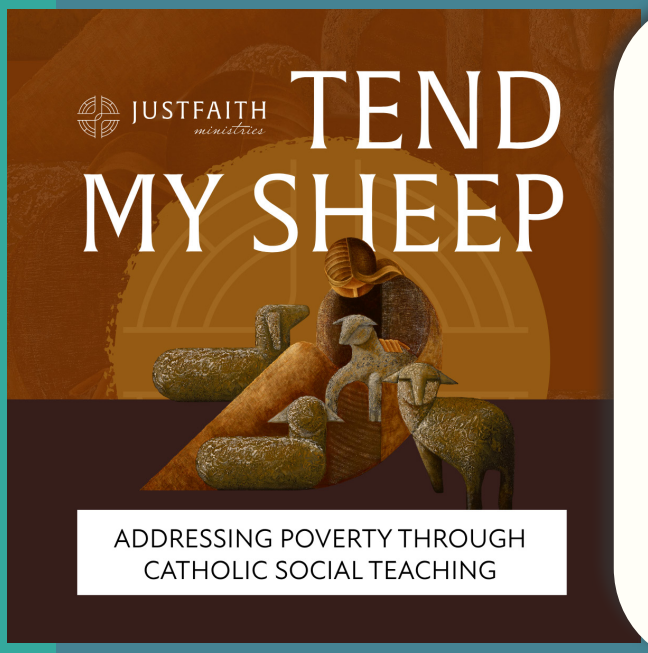
– *Communities of Salt and Light,* United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

What is the Salt and Light Grant?

As Christians we are called to be salt and light to the world – to live as a faith-filled and life-giving presence in our families, our communities, our country, and our world. For each of us, that means learning more about how our faith calls us to follow Christ in responding to the needs of our neighbors and to the challenges of our times.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington is offering Salt and Light Grants to assist in strengthening Catholic Social Teaching formation. Grant participants will create and facilitate small group experiences using *Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching*, a JustFaith Ministries program. The grant money will cover the cost of group registration fees.





What is the Tend My Sheep program?

Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching is an opportunity to return to the foundational principles of the Catholic faith as participants discern how they are called to love one another, including and especially their neighbors experiencing poverty. This small group program traces the development, significance, and impact of Catholic Social Teaching throughout history and today.

Weekly group gatherings feature prayer and meditation, song, respectful dialogue, and thoughtful reflections around the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching – all of which build strong relationships among group members.

Why should a parish participate?

The Office of Missions wants to support parish groups who are looking to deepen their solidarity with others, learn about poverty from a Biblical perspective, and challenge their fellow parishioners to engage their parish communities to practice solidarity with those affected by poverty.

The goals of the program are:

- To **inspire and equip** participants to live out their Catholic faith to address poverty through the two feet of love in action: social justice and charitable works.
- To **educate** parishioners about how Catholic Social Teaching is integral in the practice of their faith.
- To **transform** a collection of individuals into a beloved community prepared to lead their parish to confront local and global poverty.





What are the details?

- Each JustFaith program consists of seven 1.5-hour sessions and a one-day retreat.
- Each session includes:
  - Prayer and reflection
  - Reading discussion
  - Videos and group activities
- The recommended group size is 8 -14 people.
- Parishes will need to identify two volunteer co-facilitators.
- JustFaith Ministries provides strong facilitation materials and support to assist parishioners or parish staff who take on these roles.
- The grant money covers the group sign-up fee for *Tend My Sheep: Addressing Poverty Through Catholic Social Teaching*.
- If your parish has participated in a JustFaith Ministries small program **in the past five years** and would like support to continue to participate in a JustFaith program, please contact Maeve Gilheney-Gallagher in the Office of Missions (GallagherMC@adw.org) directly.





Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

This grant is open to any parish or college campus ministry group in the Archdiocese which wants to learn more about how our faith calls us to follow Christ in responding to the needs of our neighbors and to the challenges of our times by participating in small group learning and faith-sharing experiences focused on Catholic Social Teaching.

What are the application details?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be found on the Office of Missions' webpage.

How does a parish apply?

Each applicant should appoint a coordinator for the grant application. This person should ensure that all the pieces of the application are properly completed and submitted. Incomplete applications cannot be considered for approval.

The minimum grant size is for eight participants and the maximum is fourteen participants. In the event of a parish has more than fourteen interested participants, multiple small groups can be formed and noted on the application. All applications must be signed by the grant coordinator and endorsed by the applicant's pastor.

For further information or questions, contact Maeve Gilheney-Gallagher in the Office of Missions (GallagherMC@adw.org).

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Areas of Focus

- **Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan**: This is an archdiocesan cooperative program that plays a vital role in sharing about the worldwide evangelistic mission of the Church with the faithful and how they can support the missions. Fifteen groups are selected every year to visit one-third of parishes.
- **The Pontifical Mission Societies**: Under the jurisdiction of the Pope, The Pontifical Mission Societies support the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of the Church, and the work and witness of mission priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders. There are four Pontifical Mission Societies: the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Missionary Childhood Association and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington supports The Pontifical Mission Societies through education, parish outreach, and annual collections, including World Mission Sunday.
    - **World Mission Sunday**: World Mission Sunday, celebrated on the second-to-last Sunday of October, is a day set aside by the Catholic Church to remember and support the mission work being done around the world. This special day is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is crucial for sustaining the Church's outreach in over 1,133 mission territories.
- **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**: CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to bring Lent to life. Through CRS Rice Bowl, parishes throughout the country put their faith into action through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Donations made through this program support the work of CRS in more than 100 countries. 75% of donations go to help CRS in its work around the world while 25% stays in the archdiocese, supporting global solidarity advocacy initiatives like the Salt and Light Grant.
- **Parish Twinning Relationships**: Parish twins are partnerships between a parish of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and a Catholic parish in the developing world. Parish twins are an invitation to parishioners to live their lives and faith in a spirit of global solidarity.
- **Salt and Light Grant:** This is a grant program to assist in strengthening Catholic Social Teaching formation through JustFaith Ministries small group experiences.






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