

Twenty Grants Awarded From Respect Life Collection

Parishioners in the Diocese of Ogdensburg were once again generous with their donations to the Respect Life Collection which allowed twenty applicants to receive funding for various projects. While the collection total of \$68,240 is a decrease from last year's collection of \$76,557, pro-life efforts in our diocese were greatly boosted by the monetary help received from the collection. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Recipients include five Gabriel Project, parish-based crisis pregnancy apostolates located in Gouverneur, Potsdam, Brasher Falls, Massena, and Plattsburgh. Catholic Charities of Malone received funding for their counseling services. The Department of Education received funding for the September 16/17 Christopher West Theology of the Body Presentations.

Four grants were given for travel to the Washington DC March for Life. Dave Ferguson of Lewis County Right to Life coordinates a family bus. And this year there will be three Youth Buses traveling to DC: the Western bus (departs from Watertown), the Eastern bus (departs from an Eastern location) and a new Northern bus (departs from a northern location). The three youth buses are for high school students. Sign-ups begin October 1.

Lifematters of Willsboro received a grant to help with Plattsburgh's 40 Days for Life. Dr. John Middleton received monies for a pro-life media campaign and Plattsburgh's Birthright received a grant to help continue their ministry.

The Natural Family Planning office received a small grant to help with NFP week materials. Money was allocated for the USCCB Respect Life Sunday packets which each pastor receives for October's Respect Life month.

Champlain Valley Right to Life and Lewis County Right to Life both received funding to aid their county fair booth presence. St. Mary's Respect Life group in Potsdam plans to use their grant for educational outreach. Liferight of Watertown's grant will sponsor a Silent No More luncheon and host a speaker to explain the abortion & breast cancer connection.

Please check the *North Country Catholic* for more information concerning these efforts. If you have a pro-life endeavor originating in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, please consider applying for a grant. Grant applications are

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available from the Respect Life office or at the Pastoral Documentation section of the diocesan website. Thank you to all who donate and who volunteer in these ministries. Together we help build a Culture of Life!