

Financial Assistance for Catechetical Resources and Equipment for Parishes in Need

Thank you for your interest in the Financial Assistance program for catechetical and formation equipment. A parish may apply for assistance for Catechetical or Formation resources once per year (with the exception of catechetical text series, for which a parish is eligible once every three years). Funding is awarded based on parish need. The balance is the responsibility of the parish. Please DO NOT include any shipping/handling in the funding request as these are not payable by the AA grant that makes this fund possible. Even when accepted, an application is not funded 100%. The parish will be expected to assist with the funding for the resource. Eligible categories of catechetical/formation materials are listed below. Only one piece of equipment per category (laptop, screen, etc.) is eligible for funding per application. If your application is approved, this fund will contribute a portion of the cost of your catechetical and formation needs.

Please recognize that priority approval will be considered for rural parishes and parishes in the Central Urban Deanery, Western Urban Deanery, Southwest Urban Deanery, Southeast Urban Deanery, and Northwest Urban Deanery. Certain parishes in other deaneries may also be eligible.

How do I Recieve Financial Assistance?

- 1. After receiving approval from your pastor, complete the application, make your selection(s) of resources and/or equipment and submit.
- 2. You will be notified of the approval status of your application in writing within one month of the submission date. If approved, you will also be informed of the amount to be awarded with a voucher via email.
- 3. You will confirm receipt of the award voucher via email.
- 4. The approved resources and/or equipment will be ordered by the Archdiocese and sent directly to the Catechetical Leader or Contact Person designated in the application at the parish address along with the invoice. If textbooks are approved, the order should be placed with the publisher.
- 5. Once the invoice for the resources and/or equipment is paid by the parish, please scan the invoice and the receipt and send to pastoralministries@archsa.org or mail a copy (not the original) to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, c/o Jazmin Villamil, 2718 W. Woodlawn, SA, TX, 78228.
- 6. The parish will then be reimbursed by check for the resources and/or equipment in the amount of the AA grant award.
- 7. Shipping and Handling costs are not payable by the AA grant. Invoices must be received by the Archdiocese no later than 60 days from date of invoice, otherwise, the Archdiocese of San Antonio is not responsible for payment.

Catechetical Texts



Catechetical Texts in Conformity with USCCB – A parish may apply for assistance for Catechetical or Formation resources, textbooks, or series for religious education programs. Other hard-copy resources as well as web-based resources that carry an imprimatur (an official ecclesial designation that a work contains nothing contrary to the Catholic faith). These resources may still be subject to review by the Archdiocese. Some possible examples include RCIA resources, adult faith formation resources, as well as religious education texts and or formation subscription series such as formed.org; mycatholicfaithdelivered.com; Lifeteen; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, etc. This could also include subscriptions for low-cost platforms used for ministry videoconferencing, such as Zoom. See below. Catechetical texts and series must appear on the USCCB Conformity list found at https://www.usccb.org/resources/current-conformity-list.

Price: Varies

Online Subscriptions



Zoom Pro License – 1 Year Subscription – Host up to 100 participants with unlimited group meetings, social media streaming, 1 GB Cloud Recording (per license).

Price: \$149.00



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Start Your Application

Thank you for taking the time to review the application process and resources available. The online application itself will take approximately 20-30 minutes.

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