



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Technology Upgrade Grant Application Guidelines for Parishes

Funded by the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal

One of the most important things we have learned during the COVID-19 pandemic is the need to improve our ability to connect with the faithful in new and creative ways. The increased dependency on technology left many parishes in need of equipment, broadband capabilities, and upgrades.

Through the generosity of the faithful in our diocese, a portion of the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal funding will be used to provide Technology Upgrade Grants which are available to every parish in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Once applications are received, a committee will approve full or partial funding for each project.

Some examples of things that would improve your parish's ability to use technology to better evangelize those in your area include: live-streaming equipment to broadcast Masses, webcams or video conferencing equipment for PSR classes or bible study groups, church audio upgrades, or broadband internet upgrades to increase accessibility.

Below is a list of items to include in your grant application.

Deadline to apply: December 31, 2021

Submit to: Office of Marketing and Communication, c/o Tim Bishop

Project Summary – Provide a project description including key points or objectives and how the project will achieve those objectives.

Needs Statement - Clarify the need or problem your project addresses or solves. Explain how the project will benefit those in your parish, community members, shut-ins, or those who no longer practice their faith.

Itemized Budget & Amount Requested – What is the total project cost? How much are you requesting? Provide a detailed budget showing expected expenses and income. Live-streaming packages are available through the diocese.

Sustainability – If your project involves monthly costs (utilities/streaming services) how will the project be funded in the future? Does your project need continuous funds or is it a one-time undertaking?

Contact Information – Please provide your name, pastor's name, parish, and a reliable email address/phone number.

Catholic Sharing Appeal Info – Please provide your 2021 CSA goal and current amount raised. This information is available on the CSA website, dwc.org/csa.