

### **The Whalon Fund for the Creative Arts (WFCA)**

The Fund's aim is to "support creative arts in the parishes and missions of the Convocation." It will be managed by the DFMS as a holding account (not an endowment) that will distribute funds both from income and principal until exhausted, though we hope that it will also be replenished over time as more donations come in.

#### **Grant amounts:**

The fund will distribute up to two grants of max. €500 per project and year (to be included as a budget line item of €1,000). The WFCA grant must be at least equally matched by a parish/mission contribution.

#### **Grant purpose and conditions:**

The Fund will provide grants for both the performing and visual arts that are initiated from within the congregations and other entities of the Convocation and that benefit those same congregations and/or the communities they serve and /or the Convocation and wider church.

Grants may be used to:

- Purchase items specifically associated with one of the creative arts
- To help cover the expenses associated with a special programme, exhibition or event (transport, publicity, security, insurance etc.).
- This may include expenses incurred by invited persons performing at or leading a program provided the program is not included in their normal job description and for which they are not already receiving money.
- Any and all types of performing and visual arts projects can be considered, including – but not limited to: Paintings, other illustrations, sculpture, the written word, plays, original music, dance, exhibitions.

There are also a few exclusions, WFCA grants will not cover:

- Any existing programmes or for wages, stipends and associated expenses of people already employed by the parish/mission/organization applying.
- Any building, maintenance or repairs costs.
- Debts obligated or incurred before the date of the grant award.
- The purchase of consumable goods not directly related to the sponsored art programme, event or project.
- Previously funded requests or those that have access to other funds or money adequate to cover all costs.

#### **Application and decision process:**

Any congregation or other Convocation entity applying for a WFCA grant will have to fill in a brief application form – as attached.

Grant applications would be due by June 1 to allow the committee to meet (online) and make recommendations to Council for our pre-Convention Meeting, so that the recipients can be announced during Convention.

An application must fulfil the grant purpose and conditions and fulfil the information requirements. Should there be more applications than available funds in any given year, the committee will consider other factors such as originality, innovation, impact on parish/mission and community, vision, and expected outcomes.