

Eastertide 2008

Subject: \$500 Parish Celebration Grants Available

To the Parishes of the Diocese:

We're all gearing up for *Celebrate 250* – an opportunity to celebrate the work God has done in all of us over the past 250 years, the work He is doing through us now, and the vital work that lies ahead.

Each parish in this region has contributed in its own way to our common life in each of our four themes – **Worship, Mission, Healing, and Service.**

Now we want to encourage YOU to celebrate – through our new *Parish Celebration Grants*.

We are offering **20** of these **\$500 grants**. We will review applications as they come, so don't delay!

Here's how it works.

A parish (or parishes in partnership) commits to organize and host a Celebrate 250 event sometime during the year, before Thanksgiving 2008. It could be a festival, a service and fellowship event, an informational program, a series of conversations with folks in the parish who have wonderful stories to tell, a celebration of particular programs in the church or community ... whatever brings you together to think about what **your** parish has meant to you and the community around you, about current activities, or new initiatives in planning.

1. It must be a reasonably substantial event, for which you are prepared to spend at least \$250 of your own resources in addition to the \$500 grant. This could all be for food, speakers, entertainment, or whatever is needed for your program.
2. You must plan and implement the event, which must be open not only to your parish but to surrounding parishes to attend.

Upon acceptance of the application, the Celebrate 250 Steering Committee will send you a check for \$100. The remaining \$400 will be sent to you following the planned event.

If we have the details ahead of time, we can also help you publicize your event using our website (www.celebrate250.org), Celebrate 250 parish liaison personnel, media, and diocesan *e+News*, *Trinity* and various other publications.

A brief application form is attached to this letter – it's also available on-line at www.celebrate250.org.

In addition, we have a PowerPoint presentation, a video, and other materials about Celebrate 250 that we can share with you, or be part of a parish discussion, if that would be helpful.

What do you have to lose? ***Celebrate 250!***

Fred Thieman
Co-Chair, Celebrate 250
Steering Committee
Committee

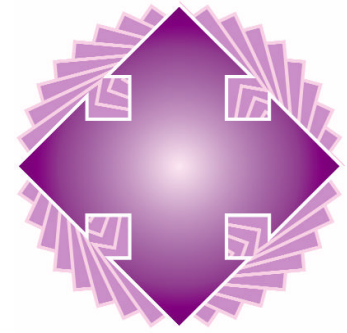
Tom Moore
Co-Chair Celebrate 250
Steering Committee

Sky Foerster
Chair, Celebrate 250
Communications

CELEBRATE 250 PARISH CELEBRATION GRANT APPLICATION

INFORMATION MAY BE SENT IN ON A DOCUMENT OR BY EMAIL

DEADLINE IS ONE MONTH PRIOR TO PLANNED EVENT



**CELEBRATE
250**

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

PARISH: _____

POINT OF CONTACT:

- **NAME:** _____
- **PHONE:** _____
- **E-MAIL:** _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PLANNED EVENT.

- **PROJECTED DATE:** _____
- **HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE? (USE REVERSE, IF NEEDED)**

- **INCLUDE IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE.**
- **PROJECTED BUDGET – HOW WOULD YOU SPEND THE MONEY?**
- **WHAT OTHER PARISHES (IF ANY) ARE INVOLVED?**
- **WHAT OTHER PARISHES DO YOU WANT TO INVITE?**

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:

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Date Received _____