Faith Formation Scholarship Program

If you know of students who attend a college and have an interest in parish ministry or faith formation, please distribute this information about available scholarships. The Faith Formation Scholarship Program can only help those who know about it.

Consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Lord wishes to spread His kingdom also by means of the laity, namely, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. In this kingdom creation itself will be delivered from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the sons of God.

—Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium #37

Help Keep the Program Alive...

through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support.

We have been blessed by gifts from the Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Catholic Daughters of America, the Knights of Columbus and individual parishes and people.

For further information about the program or to send contributions, contact:

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Since the 1980’s the Faith Formation Scholarship Program has assisted people across the Diocese of Winona with increasing their knowledge of the Catholic faith to be used in ministry.

As a church, we are all called into communion through Baptism and strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation in order to share our God-given gifts. However, we must be knowledgeable in the content of our Catholic Faith in order to participate in bringing the kingdom of God into the world.

The Faith Formation Scholarship Fund seeks to assist those adults who realize the need to increase their knowledge of the faith in order to participate more fully in the life of the Church. This scholarship program assists those who seek undergraduate education in Theology or Pastoral Ministry, those already in ministry who need continuing education, and women who seek to join Endow groups but find the cost of the program prohibitive.

**Workshop Tuition Assistance**

This scholarship is available in two ways:

1) **Endow Tuition Rebate.** For women who wish to join an Endow group but find the material fees prohibitive. This fund will reimburse half the cost in order to make it more affordable to join.

2) **Workshop Tuition Scholarship.**

For adults already in lay ministry who wish to participate in workshops for continuing education. This fund will pay for the workshop registration fee.

**College Scholarship**

For college juniors or seniors who are engaged in a course of study related to Theology or Pastoral Ministry who plan to go on to serve in parish or diocesan ministry after graduation. This fund will award up to $1000 per year for two years. Applicants must meet minimum requirements, including having at least a C+ average, being enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Theology or Pastoral Ministry, and having the intention of serving the Church upon graduation.

Recent recipients from the Faith Formation Scholarship Fund include:

2012 Bryan Rodriguez: College Tuition Scholarship for St. John’s College in Collegeville, MN.

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Catholic education is an expression of the mission entrusted by Jesus to the Church He founded. Through education the Church seeks to prepare its members to proclaim the Good News and to translate this proclamation into action.

— U.S. Bishops, *To Teach As Jesus Did* #7