



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Students and Families,

Our parish has been blessed by the generosity of one of our long-time members, Mr. Vincent O. Greene who passed away in 2015. Mr. Greene left a gift to St. Patrick's Parish in the form of a college scholarship trust for students of our parish. Those students who have shown steady involvement in parish life, academic merit or promise and demonstrated leadership attributes will be eligible to receive an award for up to half of a full-time student's college or community college tuition, supplies, books, and fees.

This scholarship program will be overseen by a trust created by Mr. Greene's Estate and will be funded by income generated from certain farmland which Mr. Greene owned. As of December 2017, the trust has been approved by the Diocese and the Probate Court. Our parish has issued updated Guidelines and Procedures, including an Application and Re-Application form, and has awarded the first scholarships for the 2018 Fall semester.

Mr. Greene stipulated scholarship eligibility requirements in his will which have been developed and outlined by our Scholarship Committee (more detail below). To be eligible, the student and at least one parent must be a member of our parish, in good standing, for at least two years prior to the award. Being a parishioner at St. Patrick's in good standing includes: membership in St. Patrick's Parish which is open to all Catholics seeking to participate in their faith life and to individuals who are interested in joining the Catholic Church through the RCIA program. Active membership involves the sharing of time, talent, and treasure with the parish. Examples of time include regular participation in the liturgy and Sunday Mass as well as involvement in parish activities. Talent includes volunteering your knowledge, skills, abilities, and gifts to the life of the parish through the many opportunities available. Treasure represents your personal and financial contributions, according to family means, to support the parish, both in terms of its spiritual work and its physical structures. Examples for students include: involvement in Mass ministries, such as altar servers, ushers, lectors, cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, participation in youth group (CREW), assistance with religious education, involvement in service trips, and service activities at the parish.

Scholarships shall be limited to two students per family in any given academic year. The student must submit an application or reapplication to renew any award, along with other requested information by the application deadline. Additionally, the student must keep the parish advised of any other reasonably available and accepted scholarship and grant monies, as well as keeping the parish updated on all scholarship and grant monies awarded and/or accepted. Final Vincent O. Greene scholarship award amounts may be adjusted based on other scholarships or grants received, the number of qualified applicants, and the total scholarship trust money available in a calendar year.

The scholarships are awarded for one year only. To renew a scholarship, the student must complete a Re-Application Form, submit all requested documents, and continue to satisfy all eligibility requirements. All forms and requirements are on our parish website.

Our Vincent O. Green Scholarship Committee has been appointed to establish the program, manage, and monitor the funds received and disbursed, manage the application process, and recommend eligible

students and amounts to the Pastor for final decision. Disbursements of awards will be made directly to the academic institution. While our Guidelines and Procedures include a typical schedule of deadlines, students and families should watch for notices posted in the Parish Bulletin or on the Parish website for possible variations in those deadlines.

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Generally, those deadlines will be:

- January 29th Submission of completed application or reapplication with any other Information or documents requested by the Committee
- March 25th Announcement by Pastor of all offers of scholarship awards and amounts.
- April 12th Student must communicate to Committee an acceptance of any award.

For specific information on eligibility and the application or reapplication process, please refer to the Scholarship “Guidelines and Procedures” posted on our Parish website (www.stpaturbana.org/scholarship). Scholarship applications or reapplications can be submitted to the following e-mail address: vincentogreenscholarship@stpaturbana.org . This e-mail address may also be used for any question concerning the Vincent O. Greene Scholarship. All applications, documents or letters should be submitted as a WORD document (please also submit redacted copies of each).

This is a very exciting gift for our parish family! While our parish won't directly financially benefit from this scholarship, I'm confident we will benefit greatly from increased involvement of our High School students, as well as the strengthening of our parish family through unity and support of our members during their college years. I'm thankful to all who have offered ongoing support of St. Patrick Parish through gifts and bequests in their wills—these gifts have served...and continue to serve as a wonderful foundation for our parish ministry and life together. Please join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for Vincent O. Greene, for his life with us here at St. Patrick, for his generosity, and for his support of students from our parish for many years to come!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Anthony Co, Pasto