Corpus Christi Church

***“Continuing the Educational Mission” Scholarship Award***

We are pleased to announce the Corpus Christi ***“Continuing the Educational Mission”*** Scholarship award. Even though our beloved parish school has closed, the mission of educating the young people of our parish continues. It is in this spirit that the scholarship award has been established.

Based upon the success from past years, we will continue to offer three scholarships this year:

* Two for a student parishioner attending a Catholic High School
* One for a student parishioner attending, full time, a college or university carrying a minimum course load of 12 credits

Now three young people from our parish will each be awarded a scholarship toward their education.

A scholarship award of $5,000 will be given to two students who will be attending a local Catholic High School, starting September 2023, for the academic school year 2023/2024.

A scholarship award of $7,000 will be given to a college student carrying a full-time course load of a minimum 12 credits/semester who will be attending starting September 2023, a 2-4-year college or university for the academic school year 2023/2024.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the school, college or university in two equal payments, one half for the fall semester and the second half for the spring semester or if the academic year is divided into trimesters, half will be paid in the first trimester and the second half will be paid in the third trimester.

The funding for these scholarships will come directly from the investment income earned from the proceeds of the sale of the Searing Avenue properties and **not** from any weekly or special parish collections. The announcement of the scholarship recipients will be made on or about July 31st. The scholarship is for one year.

**Requirements:**

* Completion and submission of an application to the rectory by hand or mail
* Applicant’s family must be registered in our parish records for one year prior to submission of the application
* Applicant for the High School and College scholarship award must have received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation)
* Applicant must be involved in service to either our parish, community or school
* Applicant must obtain 3 letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant’s character from either a teacher, administrator, coach, scout leader, civic leader or leader of the group to which the applicant is giving service. Additionally, the author of the letter of recommendation will also need to complete a form evaluating the applicant’s character.
* Applicant for the High School will need to write a brief essay of no less than 500 words responding to the following topic***: “What challenges do I face as a young adult and how does my Catholic faith enhance my life and strengthen me to face these challenges”.***
* The applicant for the college scholarship award must write an essay on the same topic of at least 750 words.

Based upon the review of the applications and evaluations by a team of grammar school,

middle school, high school and college educators, the top five applicants for each scholarship will be

required to participate in an interview (in-person) by our team of educators.

All applicants may re-apply for the scholarship the following year/s.

**Timing/milestone dates:**

* All applications, letters of recommendations and evaluation forms must be submitted by hand or by mail to the rectory by July 1, 2023.
* All interviews of the top five candidates in each academic category will begin on or about July 18, 2023.
* Announcement of the scholarship winners will be made on or about July 31, 2023.

The decision of the Scholarship committee and our pastor, Fr. Malcolm Burns, will be final.