The "Semper Fi" Scholarship
at
Archbishop Curley High School

A Description of the Scholarship

Very often when U.S. Marines take leave of one another or sign off on a message they say *Semper Fi*. It is an abbreviation of their motto *Semper Fidelis* which means "Always Faithful." In memory of the many Marines who have remained "always faithful" to God, country, the Corps, and one another, this scholarship is established for those Catholic families who have been faithful to the Catholic Church. In addition to keeping the Ten Commandments, a faithful Catholic keeps the precepts or laws of the Church, namely:

- Attending Mass and resting from servile labor on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- Confessing one's sins at least once a year, preferably on a regular basis;
- Receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season;
- Observing the days of fast and abstinence established by the Church; and
- Helping to provide for the needs of the Church.

The scholarship process involves the completion of an application along with supporting documents from the Parish and the Pastor that evidence a commitment by the applicant and his family to living their Catholic faith. Essays from the parent and the student about the importance of living their Catholic faith including Mass attendance, going to confession, observing fast and abstinence days and involvement in parish organizations and activities are also included. Financial need is also considered in making awards.

The scholarship award is made on an annual basis upon the application and the completion of FACTS tuition assistance forms. A student may receive this scholarship in any year of his education and it is renewable on an annual basis. A committee comprised of the donor and Archbishop Curley High School administration will determine the annual awards.

The Applicant is responsible for meeting the deadline of December 10, 2026 and having all related material submitted by that date.

The completed application should be returned to the attention of Mrs. Stephanie Raynor in the Main Office of the school. For email submission: sraynor@archbishopcurley.org.

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Student Application for the 2026-27 School Year:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Sibling(s) Name(s)	Current School	Grade
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Add any additional names/schools/grades at bottom or on reverse.)

Parish of Membership: _____

Pastor: _____

Involved in the Parish in the following ways: _____
_____
_____
_____
_____

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Parent Essay

How do you live and model your Catholic faith to your child(ren)? (200 word maximum)

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Student Essay

How do you demonstrate your Catholic faith in your life? (200 word maximum)

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Parish/Pastor's Reference

Student Name: _____

1. The way this family has shared their Time, Talents, Treasures with our Parish:

   Time: (indicate involvement with Parish programs and events)
   _____
   _____
   _____

   Talent: (indicate particular skills/services performed for the Parish)
   _____
   _____
   _____

   Treasure: (Please indicate the number of weekends [not envelopes] one or more envelopes were placed in the collection in the past year.): _____

2. Does the family regularly attend Mass on Sundays, Holy Days, and receive Sacraments?
   _____ Sundays (please give estimated number of Sundays per year)
   _____ January 1, Solemnity of Mary
   _____ August 15, Assumption of Mary
   _____ November 1, All Saints Day
   _____ December 8, Immaculate Conception
   _____ December 25, Christmas.

3. Family support of Parish School and/or Religious Education:
   _____
   _____

Parish Seal:

_____
Signature of Pastor

_____
Date