



*Embracing curious minds. Nurturing compassionate hearts.*

April 29, 2021

**Monsignor Francis J. McElligott Scholarship**

Dear Member of the Class of 2021,

Each year members of the graduating class are invited to apply for the Monsignor McElligott Scholarship Award. Monsignor McElligott was a pastor of our parish from 1966 – 1984, and lived here as an emeritus pastor until 1998. He worked tirelessly to ensure that our parish would always have an excellent school and that graduates who went to local high schools would represent Saint John Fisher well when they left our school.

To help make that possible, Monsignor McElligott generously established a fund that awards a partial high school scholarship to two – four members of the graduating class each year. The criteria for the award are based on the graduate's ability to use his or her talents in service to others. Monsignor always spoke of the importance of living what you believe: not merely knowing the words, but acting on your beliefs as well. Monsignor urged all to be “do-ers of the word, not merely hear-ers.”

The Junior High Staff, Ms. Chermak, Father Ken, and I know you are excellent candidates for this award. You have taken the promises you have made at Confirmation seriously and will continue to develop the skills necessary to be leaders in our church and world.

To apply for the scholarship you will need to do the following:

1. Write a 300 – 500 word essay on the ways you have and will continue to use your talents in service to others. Your essay should be double spaced and very carefully edited for spelling, punctuation, and complete sentences. Please submit 4 copies of your essay.
2. Complete a one page resume that outlines the activities in which you have participated in school and outside of school. Please attach your resume to each of the four essays. (The form for this resume will be given to you by your teacher.)
3. Participate in an interview by leaders from our parish who will make the recommendation for the award. The panel will ask you to talk about your school experience, your plans for the future, and the ways in which you hope to continue to live your faith and the values that you learned from your family and at Saint John Fisher. Having read the essays and interviewed the candidates, the panel will name the recipients of the award.
4. Submit your application to Ms. Browne by **Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Include the following items: 1. Your thoughtfully written essay, 2. Your resume attached to each of the four copies of your essay. Because we need to give the parish leaders adequate time to read each essay and look over your resume, we cannot accept any late applications.

Interviews will be conducted with two parish leaders and the student candidate beginning the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We encourage you to thoughtfully reflect on the goals of this scholarship and do your **BEST WORK**. Previous winners of this prestigious award are now at some of the finest universities in the country and have become leaders in our community and church. We hope you will consider applying so that you will join the ranks of future leaders who are Monsignor McElligott Scholars.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nash, Principal