

Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

BISHOP BERNARD F. PAPPIN MEMORIAL BURSARY FUND

History and Purpose

Bishop Bernard F. Pappin passed away on August 27, 1998 while serving as Spiritual Advisor to the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. In his memory, at the urging of the Sault Ste. Marie Diocese, where Bishop Pappin was bishop, a bursary fund has been established by motion of the provincial council for the purpose of assisting diocesan seminarians with personal expenses.

The Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary is financed by donations from the Catholic Women's League council members or other sources. The bursary fund is administered by the administration committee of the Ontario Provincial Council. The committee will review applications received from seminarians and if approved, award bursaries annually.

Administration

1. The Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary Fund is administered by the Provincial Administration Committee.
2. Applications will be held in strict confidence by the administration committee.
3. The name of each bursary recipient may be shared only if permission is given.
4. All applicants will be notified by October 31 by the provincial president of the decision of the committee. Successful applicants will receive the bursary upon their confirmed return to the seminary in late fall.
5. The Provincial President will maintain an open file of documentation for each candidate for as long as he is eligible to reapply.
6. The Bishops of Ontario will be sent an advanced notification letter February 28th.

A brochure explaining the Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary, along with the application form, will be sent annually by the Ontario Provincial Council Administrative Assistant in early August with a new application due date of September 15th to all diocesan bishops for forwarding to all seminarians within their dioceses. Additionally, applications will be sent to the rector/superior of each seminary and the diocesan vocations director if there is one.

See attached application sample for Bursary.....

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Criteria

1. The applicant shall be a current diocesan seminarian studying for ministry in a diocese in Ontario.
2. The applicant shall be considered a serious student with definite plans for ordination to the priesthood.
3. The applicant receiving a bursary one year may apply again in subsequent years.

Application

1. Application for the Bishop Bernard F. Pappin Memorial Bursary shall be made on the official application form based on Appendix A3.1-03.
2. Two letters of recommendation shall accompany the completed form, one from the rector of the seminary attended and one from the applicant's home bishop, pastor or personal spiritual advisor.
3. A one-paragraph biography and photo shall accompany the application.
4. Applications and supporting documentation shall be e-mailed to the Ontario provincial president no later than September 15th. Once initial application is approved, the Seminary Rector may complete the Seminary Enrolment Verification Form for subsequent years that the seminarian is studying at the seminary. The form will need to be completed each year to confirm attendance at the seminary.
5. Bursary award(s) of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) will be announced no later than October 31st in the same year. [If requested, a name(s) may be withheld.]
6. All application forms will be strictly confidential.
7. Decisions of the administration committee are final.
8. As long as the seminarian is eligible to reapply, the applications will be held in strict confidence by the president, then when the applicant is no longer eligible, the forms will be destroyed.