



Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst
Financial support for tertiary studies
“Sandhurst Theology Scholarships”

OVERVIEW

Purpose

To support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst.

Object

To provide parishioners with financial subsidies to study approved post-graduate level theology coursework at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne (University of Divinity).

Recognised tertiary units

[Catholic Theological College – University of Divinity](#)

Courses commence 21 February 2022

For those new to post-graduate studies

Online Semester 1 (choose one of the following):

DT8002C* Life in Christ: Foundations for Theological Ethics Dr Frances Baker RSM
(*previous studies in theology and scripture are recommended)

CT8610C The Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Catholic Church Rev. Dr Elio Capra SDB

BA8001C Exploring the Old Testament Rev. Dr Kris Sonek OP (coordinator); Dr Janina Hiebel

Online Semester 2 (choose one of the following):

BN8001C Exploring the New Testament with Mark’s Gospel Dr Catherine Playoust (coordinator); Rev. Paul Rowse OP

CT8100C Introducing Catholic Theology Dr Birute Arendarcikas RSM

Intensive Course for those who have completed at least a Graduate Certificate in Theology

DP8015C Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church Rev. Dr Jake Mudge; Dr Chris Morris

Four Saturdays: 5, 19 March; 23 April; 7 May: 10am-4.30pm

Offered in Bendigo in partnership with Catholic Education Sandhurst Semester 2

CT9013C Doing Theology: Engaging with the Catholic Theological Tradition

Nature of support

“Sandhurst Theology Scholarships”: provide Sandhurst parishioners with a reimbursement of 50% of the advertised tuition fee per post-graduate unit for up to four units.

Process

- 8 December 2021: advertising of financial support/scholarships
 - Flyer to parishes and accompanying letter to parish priests
- 11 February 2022: applications close for Semester 1
- 18 February 2022: successful applicants notified
- Students present evidence of enrolment, payment receipt and bank account details
- Students reimbursed via direct credit to bank account

Application Criteria – addressed in online application form

- Prospective student is a parishioner in the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst
- Recognised institution and approved course clearly identified
- Clear statement of reason(s) for study
- State current involvement in Parish life, including any leadership roles
- Endorsement of Parish Priest
- Proposed unit of study, for credit or audit
- Priority will be given for groups of two or more parishioners applying together and providing mutual support through shared discussions, etc.
- Indication of any previous tertiary studies
- Application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/MHZtSXfSRj>

Budget 2022

- Post Graduate units for Award \$2,732
- Post Graduate units for Audit \$650 per unit
- Up to twenty scholarships for the academic year (Feb-Nov), a maximum of \$1,366 per post-graduate unit (maximum total budget \$27,320)

Other

- Academic mentoring sessions may be available for those who have not studied recently.
- If in financial difficulty, please contact Director of Mission and Pastoral Life at the diocesan Chancery (03 5445 3600)

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Scholarship Rules

1. Scholarships are granted each semester, one per student and will be administered by the office of the Director of Mission and Pastoral Life.
2. Scholarships are granted for approved post-graduate level units at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne.
 - a. Units will be approved by the bishop or his delegate.
 - b. The list of approved units will be published prior to the beginning of each academic year.
 - c. Up to twenty scholarships may be granted per academic year.
 - d. Scholarships may be granted for Credit or Audit.
3. Prospective students may apply for four scholarships in total over four semesters, providing that the fourth and final unit is completed no more than three years after the first. E.g., if the first unit is completed in June 2022, the fourth unit must be completed by June 2025.
4. Prospective students are to use the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst online form to apply for a scholarship.
5. Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis and priority will be given to parishioners in pastoral leadership roles and parishioners studying in a group.
6. All scholarship applications will be reviewed and approved (or rejected) by the bishop or his delegate. All decisions will be final and there is no appeal process.
7. Parishioners successful in gaining a scholarship will be contacted by the office of the Director of Mission and Pastoral Life.
8. The student is responsible for completing all enrolment requirements at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne and for the full payment of tuition fees.
9. After the census date for the unit, payment receipts are to be sent to the bishop's Executive Assistant for re-imburement direct to the student's bank account. Scholarship recipients will be required to provide bank account details.
10. Failure to complete unit of study:
 - a. There is no financial consequence for failing to successfully complete a unit of study and no compensation will be sought by the diocese.
 - b. Failure to complete a unit of study will be taken into account in considering any application for support in undertaking subsequent units of study.
11. Withdrawal from enrolment after the University of Divinity census date:
 - a. There is no financial consequence in relation to the scholarship for withdrawal from enrolment after the University census date for a unit of study and no compensation will be sought by the diocese.
 - b. Withdrawing from a unit of study will be taken into account in considering any application for support in undertaking subsequent units of study.
12. No scholarships will be granted for students who choose to use FEE-HELP to pay tuition fees.

<i>Finalised for Semester 1 2022</i>	<i>7 December 2021</i>
<i>To be reviewed for Semester 2 2022</i>	<i>1 May 2022</i>