



Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Financial support for tertiary studies

“Sandhurst Theology Scholarships – Semester 2 2023 ”

OVERVIEW

Purpose

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

Object

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

Recognised tertiary units

Catholic Theological College – University of Divinity

Courses commence for Semester 2: 31 July 2023

Online Semester 2 (choose one of the following):

BN 8001C Exploring the New Testament with Mark’s Gospel | *Rev Paul Rouse OP (Co-ordinator); Dr Catherine Playoust* Mondays 7pm-9pm (online blended + 12 hours asynchronous learning)

CT 8100C Introducing Catholic Theology | *Dr Birute Arendarcikas RSM* Wednesday 6pm-9pm (online or face-to-face, hybrid)

Heart of Life Melbourne

Damascus Spiritual Leadership Program *

As this program is annual, it will be offered again in November 2023 for the 2024 Academic Year

Clinical Pastoral Education, Shepparton or Bendigo

Shepparton | Dan Murphy (Educator) and Maureen Beattie (Supervisor)

Tuesdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, with attendance on 3 Mondays also required (3 July, 25 September and 27 November). A further day each week is required for delivery of pastoral care in an approved placement and further time is also needed for writing reports on pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least about 2.5 days each week for the 22 weeks of the program.

Bendigo | Anne Wieczorek (Educator) and Louise Ross (Supervisor)

The program will be conducted on Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 4.00 pm, with attendance on 3 Thursdays also required (13 July, 5 October, and 7 December). A further one and a half days each week is required for delivery of pastoral care in an approved placement and further time is also needed for writing reports on pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least 3 days each week for the 22 weeks of the program.

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,
OR
- 50% of the advertised cost of the Damascus Spiritual Leadership Program at Heart of Life, Melbourne,
OR
- 50% of the advertised cost of one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (Bendigo or Shepparton),
OR
- 50% of the advertised tuition fee for 2 CPE post-graduate units at the University of Divinity, Melbourne (if undertaken as part of the Bendigo or Shepparton CPE unit offering).

Process Semester 2 2023

- 10 May 2023: advertising of financial support/scholarships
 - Flyer to parishes and email to parish priests
 - Advertisement in eNews
- 10 June 2023: applications close for Semester 1
- 15 June 2023: successful applicants notified
- May-June 2023: applicants contact tertiary provider
- 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, or course (Spiritual Leadership)
- 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
- **Apply here: [Application Form](#)**

Budget for Financial Year 2023-2024

TOTAL available = \$43,230

CTC Units

Up to ten scholarships awarded in the 2023-2024 financial year (maximum total budget \$,14,410)

- Post Graduate units for Award \$2,882 - \$1,441 reimbursement
- Post Graduate units for Audit \$650 per unit - \$325 reimbursement

Heart of Life Damascus *Spiritual Leaders Course*

Up to five scholarships will be offered in 2024 (Graduate Certificate in Divinity) (\$14410)

Clinical Pastoral Education, Shepparton or Bendigo

Up to five scholarships for July-November/December session 2023 (maximum budget \$14410)

- Non-award \$2000 course cost - \$1000 reimbursement
- Post Graduate units for Award \$2,882 - \$1,441 reimbursement for each of 2 units (\$2,882 total*)

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 for approved post-graduate level tertiary units at CTC or for the Damascus Spiritual Leadership Program at Heart of Life Melbourne or for Clinical Pastoral Education in Bendigo or Shepparton.
 - a. Tertiary units and programs will be approved by the bishop or his delegate.
 - b. The list of approved units or programs will be published prior to the beginning of each semester in the academic year.
 - c. Up to twenty scholarships may be granted per academic year.
 - d. Scholarships may be granted for Credit or Audit at CTC
 - e. Scholarships may be granted for completion of the Damascus Spiritual Leadership Program for credit at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne or Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill.
 - f. Scholarships may be granted for Clinical Pastoral Education unit in Shepparton or Bendigo both for non-award and for Award
2. Excepting those who enrol in the Damascus Spiritual Leadership Program 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.
3. Excepting those who enrol in the *Clinical Pastoral Education (Award)* 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. Students who gain a scholarship to complete the Clinical Pastoral Education (Award), may apply for up to two additional scholarships for semester long units at a post-graduate level, providing the fourth and final unit is completed no more than three years after the first. E.g., if the two *Clinical Pastoral Education* units are completed by December 2024, the final unit must be completed by December 2027.
5. Prospective students are to use the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst online form to apply for a scholarship.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Parishioners successful in gaining a scholarship will be contacted by the Office of the Director of Mission and Pastoral Life.
9. The student is responsible for completing all enrolment requirements at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne or Heart of Life, Melbourne or with the Clinical Pastoral Education provider and for the full payment of tuition fees.
10. 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.
11. 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 unity of study will be taken into account in considering any application for support in undertaking subsequent units of study.

12. 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 unity of study will be taken into account in considering any application for support in undertaking subsequent units of study.
13. No scholarships will be granted for students who choose to use FEE-HELP to pay tuition fees.

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