

## **THE REVEREND JOHN T. SHUGRUE AND THE SHUGRUE FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established 1988 by the Church of St. Peter Claver West Hartford, Connecticut

### **PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (\$2,500)**

The Reverend John T. Shugrue dedicated the last twenty-two years of his priesthood to serving the parish of the Church of St. Peter Claver. As its first pastor, he led his parishioners in prayer and in increasing their love for God.

Particularly important to Father Shugrue were young people, those of St. Peter Claver and the hundreds of others he came to know and influence during the years he served at St. Joseph Cathedral School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School and South Catholic High School.

Father Shugrue would have protested any memorial in his name, such was his humility. However, parishioners of the Church of St. Peter Claver believe that a scholarship fund, which would assist young people in pursuing their Catholic education at Northwest Catholic High School, is a fitting tribute to this gentle man. It is their way of expressing their continuing affection for their former pastor and of acknowledging his love of children.

In 2006, the scholarship fund was increased with a bequest from the estate of Mary G. Shugrue, the sister of the Rev. Shugrue. She, too, dedicated herself to working for the Catholic Church. For years she served as secretary to Bishop Daniel Riley of the Norwich diocese. In 2011, gifts in memory of Rev. Shugrue's brother, James F. Shugrue, were directed to the scholarship fund, as they were again in 2015 when another brother, Joseph N. Shugrue, passed away. This is in keeping with the wishes of the Shugrue family that Rev. Shugrue and his deceased family members be remembered for the great value they placed on Catholic education.

The scholarship will be awarded to a ninth-grade student on the basis of character, leadership qualities, academic ability, achievements, and financial need. The guidelines are:

- The recipient must be **Catholic** and actively involved in his/her parish.
- The recipient need not be a member of the St. Peter Claver Parish, but, if he/she is and all things are equal, preference will be given to the member of the parish.
- To retain the scholarship from year to year, the student must maintain an expected level of academic achievement, be involved in the life of the school, and uphold its standard of conduct.
- In the event that the student should leave Northwest Catholic High School, the administrators may use their discretion in applying the scholarship to another student who meets the criteria.
- **The parents must complete the Smart Aid tuition assistance application. If their child is selected as a recipient, they must complete the Smart Aid application annually.**

**APPLICATION FOR**  
**THE REVEREND JOHN T. SHUGRUE AND**  
**THE SHUGRUE FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES:** Please list any activities in which you are involved, e.g. school, church, community service, sports, etc.

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**STUDENT:** On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions. Limit each response to 3-5 sentences. The committee wants to hear from you (not your parents) so that they can get to know you better.

1. Name your favorite book or movie and describe why you like it.
2. What subject do you most enjoy studying?
3. What are your current dreams for your future?

**PARENTS:** One of the criteria for the scholarship is **financial need**. St. Peter Claver Parish is seeking to award these scholarships to students who would otherwise find it difficult to attend Northwest Catholic High School. Applicants for these scholarships are required to complete the financial aid form from Smart Aid.

**SIGNATURES:**

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Student

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Parent

This application must be returned to the **Admissions Office, Northwest Catholic High School, 29 Wampanoag Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117**, or via email at [gritter@nwcath.org](mailto:gritter@nwcath.org) no later than **February 15, 2023**. The recipients of the Rev. John T. Shugrue and Mary G. Shugrue Scholarships will be chosen in March 2023.

**\*\*\*\*Please read the criteria on attached sheet before applying.\*\*\*\***