



## SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP

### PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS FROM THE CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESE TO STUDY AT THE CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

#### Introduction:

The Bishop of Christchurch offers in his name the "Saint John the Baptist Scholarship" to assist the personal and theological formation of people from the Diocese of Christchurch.

#### Scholarship Policies:

- Applications are offered on a yearly basis.
- Scholarships are awarded on a year by year basis. A successful scholarship in one year does not guarantee a scholarship in any subsequent year.
- Applications are welcome for a scholarship for subsequent years of study, upon successful completion of previous years study. ("Successful completion" means achieving a 'P' (Pass) grade and above over 75% of enrolled courses).
- The Diocese can award up to 5 scholarships per year.

#### Criteria for students to apply for funding for fees:

- The academic threshold is met for entry requirement.
- The student can demonstrate an existing commitment to the Catholic Faith and connection to parish life.
- The student has been resident in the diocese for more than 12 months.
- The student has an intention of returning to the diocese.
- Students provide a current medical certificate if asked
- Applicants are to be 18 years and over.
- Upon receipt of exam results or upon graduation, the student writes a report, outlining their progress.
- A student will have an aptitude to study theology at a tertiary level.

Applicants should look to apply for the Common Good Scholarship offered by the Catholic Theological College in the first instance.

The St John the Baptist Scholarship provides a subsidy to assist with the cost of a paper. In 2021 the fees per course is \$738. The scholarship will cover \$500 per paper.

#### Application:

- The application process is in two parts:
  1. In the first instance a student should apply to The Catholic Theological College for entry. For more information visit [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college/](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college/)

2. Following acceptance into The Catholic Theological College an application can be made to the Bishop for the Saint John the Baptist Scholarship. The required applications forms are to be completed and sent to:

Saint John the Baptist Scholarship  
c/- Mike Stopforth  
Cathedral House  
PO Box 4544  
CHRISTCHURCH 8140  
Email [mstopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:mstopforth@cdoc.nz)

- Material required for the application:
  - A letter of application (approximately 500 words) giving a full explanation why he / she should be considered for a scholarship.
  - Name and contact details of a character reference.
  - The name of the applicant's parish and permission to contact your parish priest (tick box)

**Other considerations for students:**

- Accommodation is the student's responsibility.
- Transport – students responsibility

**Selection panel**

The Scholarship selection panel is made up of:

- Director - Bishop's Pastoral Office
- Director of the Catholic Youth Team
- Bishop's appointee – currently the Vicar for Education

The panel will recommend to the Bishop the recipient/s for the scholarship/s.

**Mike Stopforth**  
**Director**