

PROTOCOL

Bishop Joseph Grech Youth Scholarship

March 2022



Faith Leadership & Spirituality For senior student in Years 10-11 in each of the Catholic Secondary Colleges in the Sandhurst Diocese

Bishop Joe was born in Malta on 10 December 1948. After completing the first four years of studies for the priesthood in Malta, he arrived in Australia in 1971. He completed his last four years of studies at Corpus Christi College in Melbourne and was ordained a priest in 1974. In 1999 Bishop Joseph was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne prior to his appointment as the

sixth Bishop of the Sandhurst Diocese on 27 April 2001 where he served until his untimely death on 28 December 2010.

Bishop Joe was tireless in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all. His episcopal motto - *Come Lord Jesus!* - inspired his every action! He was a much-loved champion of young people and was enthusiastic in his commitment and leadership of many World Youth Day celebrations across the world. He was always available to young people in particular. He always had such faith in young people across the world. Bishop Joe was very committed to Catholic schools – he loved the students, knew so many by name and was always interested in the staff and their families – he had an enormous capacity for love and was always available for school community celebrations.

Bishop Joe was very committed to providing young people with access to quality catechesis and believed strongly that our senior students did not want their religious education to be anything but rigorous. He was very optimistic about the Church and the important contribution of young people in its growth and development. Bishop Joe was respected by all with whom he came into contact. Bishop Joe was proud of his Maltese heritage and equally proud to be an Australian, the wonderful blend of these cultures manifested in the character of this truly great man.

The APPLICATION FORM can be located on the Schools' Portal

1. Rationale

This scholarship for the development of spirituality and faith leadership in young people is intended to offer opportunities for young people at each of the Secondary Colleges to participate in spirituality or faith leadership courses or programs. The scholarships are an expression of the Sandhurst Diocesan Charter for Catholic Education Vision and Mission:

"Forming and encouraging leaders to operate with discernment in the context of servant leadership"

and

Sandhurst Catholic schools are called to: Value the place of Catholic social action and individual responsibilities to effect positive change"

These scholarships are based on the beliefs that:

- Young people benefit from the opportunity to experience spirituality and leadership programs beyond their schools
- The diocese has a responsibility to provide a range of professional and educational opportunities to cater for young people's personal needs and circumstances
- Young people are significant members of our Church
- Schools, parishes and the Diocese benefit from the meaningful engagement of young adults
- Young people can lead change in the hearts of other young people
- Future leaders need to be nourished in faith and spirituality

2. Essential Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible potential awardees need to:

- be enrolled in a Catholic Secondary College in Sandhurst in Years 10 or 11 and plan to continue to the end of Year 12
- have contributed to leadership initiatives in their school/s and/or the diocese (innovation/implementation/evaluation)
- present a detailed proposal for participation in a planned or self-designed Spirituality or Faith Leadership program
- make a commitment to providing a comprehensive written report of the Renewal Program to the Catholic Education Office and to their local community within two months of its completion

3. Budget

The Catholic Education Office Sandhurst will recommend an annual allocation of \$10,000 from the Catholic Education Office budget to fund the scholarships. Secondary Colleges will each receive \$1,000 annually following the nomination of the awardee/s and relevant documentation.

4. Financial and Other Support

The support for successful Bishop Joe Youth Scholarship Awardees may include costs determined by the selection panel in each school to the Awardee as essential to the program, such as:

- accommodation
- conference costs
- course costs
- travel costs.

for which **THE AWARDEE/s** from each of the Secondary Colleges will receive up to \$1,000.

5. Conditions

- The Awardee is to provide a detailed plan of the programs, activities and associated expenditure to the College Principal with the application.
- The Awardee is to provide appropriate records of expenditure to the College at the conclusion of the Scholarship period.
- The Awardee is to provide a one-page written report to the to the Director of Catholic Education of the programs and/or activities associated with the Scholarship by June of the following year.
- The Awardee may be invited to share learned insights and experiences in other schools, parishes or professional groups.
- Funds provided for the Scholarship are conditional on being used for the proposal submitted. Variations to this need to be approved by the Principal.

6. Applications

Only applications from eligible senior students using the approved application form will be considered.

Some examples of programs and opportunities that may be considered are:

- Stronger Retreat
- Ignite Conference
- CSYMA Conference
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival
- Edmund Rice Centre Indigenous Immersion Programs
- Self-devised and approved programs

The application asks the applicant to list any other support previously provided to the applicant by the diocese. Receipt of such support does not preclude selection but may be considered by the College Panel in its discernment process.

7. Referees

1. The applicant's current Principal will provide a confidential reference direct to the panel.
2. A senior leader in the school
3. Another significant leader, e.g., Parish Priests, Community Leader, member of a religious congregation etc.

The application needs to be endorsed by the applicant's Principal.

The alumni of the scholarship will be recorded in the Catholic Education Sandhurst Annual Report. Alumni will be encouraged to contribute to future programs and to be part of the mentors' network for awardees.

The reports of the awardees will be retained after presentation to the CEO and made available on the CES Ltd website as a resource for schools, the diocese and for intending applicants.

8. College Panel

A College Panel should read and prioritise the applications and forward to Catholic Education Office up to three applicants deemed most suitable in order of priority.

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