

### **Partnership Agreement for the Francis Cardinal George S.T.L. Scholarship**

Congratulations on being awarded the Francis Cardinal George S.T.L. Scholarship. This initiative is offered to mission dioceses to send one or more of their seminarians to Mundelein Seminary for four years of theology, as well as the fifth academic year (after ordination) to complete the licentiate.

Because Catholic Extension's donors are supporting this scholarship to Mundelein Seminary, we want to make every effort to be good stewards of their investment. We recognize that unforeseen circumstances may arise either for the seminarian or for his sponsoring diocese which might alter the original intention to pursue this degree. Therefore, we have put the following policies in place.

#### **Please review the agreement below.**

- By accepting the Francis Cardinal George OMI S.T.L. Scholarship, the diocese and the seminarian are making a good faith commitment to completing the five years of academic studies at Mundelein Seminary, which will result in M.Div. and S.T.L. degrees.
- If a seminarian withdraws from seminary formation, there is no requirement to repay the used portion of his scholarship.
- If it is determined at any point that a seminarian will not pursue the S.T.L. for academic or personal reasons, the diocese is asked to notify Catholic Extension immediately. The scholarship will be discontinued at that time. The remainder of the student's seminary tuition, room and board, and fees will be the responsibility of the diocese.
- During the seminarian's first year of theology, he applies for the S.T.B. program to fulfill prerequisites for the S.T.L. program. If he is not accepted into the S.T.B. program, the scholarship will be discontinued at that time and the remainder of the seminarian's tuition, room and board, and fees will be assumed by the diocese.
- During the seminarian's third year of theology the seminarian applies to be admitted to the S.T.L. program. If he is not admitted, the scholarship will be discontinued at that time and the remainder of the tuition, room and board, and fees will be assumed by the diocese.
- We also acknowledge that if the diocese or seminarian notifies Catholic Extension or Mundelein Seminary that there is no longer an intention to pursue the S.T.L. for any other reason, the scholarship will be discontinued at that time.
- If a newly ordained priest needs to delay his fifth academic year to complete his S.T.L., Catholic Extension will offer the following options:
  - The seminarian may delay the S.T.L. for one year and then complete it in its entirety.
  - The seminarian may complete the S.T.L. over three consecutive summers, beginning this process within one year of completing the M.Div.
- Seminarian agrees to cooperate with Catholic Extension Strategic Communications Team when interviews or other marketing materials are requested.

*Please acknowledge that you have read the details of the Partnership Agreement.*

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Vocations Director

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