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Extraordinary Lay Leaders Scholarship

Catholic Extension has partnered with [Catholic Theological Union \(CTU\)](#) to offer education to lay leaders working in the Church. This is an opportunity for the diocesan bishop to identify, affirm and further develop lay men and women who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in their dioceses. Those participating in this program will have an exceptional history of service in the diocese as either employees or volunteers, but have not yet had the opportunity to pursue a formal degree in pastoral ministry.

This is a five-year degree program, which results in a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies. Courses are completed primarily [online](#), enabling the student to remain in his or her local diocese. Once a year students will be required to travel to CTU's campus in Chicago, IL for a summer intensive seminar with other members of their cohort.

Bishops may request more than one scholarship per year; however Catholic Extension's ability to fulfill this request is not guaranteed.

Starting in the **Fall 2013**, Catholic Extension plans to fund a new cohort of 5 to 7 students, representing multiple dioceses. Catholic Extension and CTU will cover nearly **85%** of the cost of the degree program.

Profile of Participants:

- Lay leaders who are currently working in the diocese as volunteers or employees
- Lay leaders who are locally recognized as the most committed and passionate to ministry in their diocese and highly esteemed in the communities they serve.
- Lay leaders who are working with underserved communities of the diocese.
- Lay leaders who will use degree to enhance their ministry and will continue serving the diocese.

Desired Outcomes:

- Participants formalize theological knowledge to enhance their effectiveness in pastoral ministry.
- Diocesan bishop is able to retain & develop the diocese's most extraordinary lay leader(s).
- Participants are able to network with and gain insight from other leaders in their cohort.

Contributions of Each Party

Diocese:

- Nominates excellent candidates who are qualified for graduate-level education, have record of service in the Church and plan to stay in the diocese after graduation.
- Maintains contact with the student and provides oversight for the student's basic formation program in accord with the CTU guidelines for distance learners.
- Makes a financial contribution, by funding 100% of the student's travel cost to CTU each summer. This is the required minimum contribution. A diocese that is also willing to make a partial tuition commitment to a student will gain more favorable consideration for the scholarship.

Catholic Extension:

- Communicates scholarship opportunity to the "mission dioceses" and selects recipients.
- Provides 45% of the tuition per year for duration of degree program (maximum 5 years).
- Provides 100% of the cost for room and board, during the student's summer intensives at CTU.

Catholic Theological Union:

- Manages admissions process after students have been approved for a scholarship by Catholic Extension.
- Provides 40% contribution to tuition for "Extension Scholars."
- Provides a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies graduate program, as well as individual academic advisement, and the *Emmaus Lay Ministry Formation Program*.

Student:

- Maintains a GPA above the minimum standards of the CTU.
- Finishes the program within 5 years, but may do so sooner in accord with academic rules of CTU.
- Makes a partial tuition contribution. Maximum contribution will be 15% of the cost of tuition per year. The amount contributed by student depends on level of the diocese's tuition contribution.
- Covers the cost of his/her books.

Overview of Financial Contributions, Per Student

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cost Share of Program</u>
Catholic Extension <i>45% of Tuition</i> <i>100% of Room & Board</i>	\$3,015 <u>\$750</u>	\$3,166 <u>\$788</u>	\$4,520 <u>\$827</u>	\$3,490 <u>\$868</u>	\$3,664 <u>\$912</u>	\$17,855 <u>\$4,145</u>	
Total	\$3,765	\$3,953	\$5,347	\$4,358	\$4,576	\$22,000	49%
Catholic Theological Union <i>40% of Tuition</i>	\$2,706	\$2,841	\$3,844	\$3,134	\$3,290	\$15,815	35%
Student (maximum contribution) <i>15% of Tuition</i>	\$984	\$1,033	\$1,492	\$1,138	\$1,195	\$5,843	13%
Diocese (minimum contribution) <i>100% of Travel</i>	\$300	\$315	\$331	\$347	\$365	\$1,658	3%
Total	\$7,755	\$8,142	\$11,014	\$8,977	\$9,426	\$45,315	100%

Details of Costs for Diocesan Billing Purposes

<u>Financial Model For 2013-2018</u>						
	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost Per Credit	745	782	821	862	906	
Credits Hours Taken	9	9	12	9	9	48
Tuition	6,705	7,040	9,856	7,762	8,150	39,513
Room and Board	750	788	827	868	912	4,144
Transportation Allowance	300	315	331	347	365	1,658
Total	7,755	8,143	11,014	8,977	9,426	45,315
Annual Escalator	5%					
Extension (49% of total cost for degree)	3,765	3,953	5,347	4,358	4,576	22,000
CTU (35% of total cost for degree)	2,707	2,842	3,844	3,133	3,290	15,815
Diocese (16% of total cost for degree)	1,284	1,348	1,823	1,486	1,560	7,500
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Diocese Billing						
CTU bills Diocese 60% of Tuition (40% scholarship)	3,999	4,199	6,012	4,628	4,860	23,698
CTU bills Room and Board	750	788	827	868	912	4,144
Diocese pays for Transportation	300	315	331	347	365	1,658
Total Diocese Outlay of Funds	5,049	5,301	7,170	5,845	6,136	29,500
Diocese gets reimbursed from Extension	3,765	3,953	5,347	4,358	4,576	22,000
Net Diocese Funds Disbursed	1,284	1,348	1,823	1,486	1,560	7,500
Total Contribution from CTU	2,707	2,842	3,844	3,133	3,290	15,815
Total Cost of Program	7,755	8,143	11,014	8,978	9,426	45,315