

M.Div. Scholarships at Mundelein Seminary

Building on the past success of partnering with Mundelein Seminary, Catholic Extension is again offering a second partnership opportunity, that will subsidize the education of men coming to Mundelein from Extension Dioceses. Catholic Extension proposes a matching discount, whereby each scholarship recipient will receive a \$7,500 tuition contribution from Extension, and a \$7,500 tuition discount from Mundelein, for a total of \$15,000 per student, per year. Eligible seminarians will come from an Extension Diocese currently served by Catholic Extension. This \$60,000 scholarship would cover **almost 25% of the current tuition, room and board, and fees** of the student's seminary education. Candidates for this program are men entering first year theology in 2024. All candidates must be accepted by Mundelein Seminary.

This partnership will have various benefits to Extension Dioceses, including:

- Providing budget relief to cash-strapped dioceses, for whom seminarian education represents a significant portion of their annual expenses.
- Giving dioceses sending a single seminarian to the STL program at Mundelein the option of sending a "diocesan brother" seminarian to Mundelein at a reduced cost.

This scholarship opportunity is available to three seminarians from the Extension Dioceses each year. Catholic Extension will receive funding requests from the Extension Dioceses and will work with Mundelein Seminary to determine which seminarians will be awarded the scholarships.

Each participating organization commits to the following:

Mundelein Seminary:

Financial – Mundelein Seminary will offer a \$7,500 scholarship to seminarians from Extension Dioceses who are accepted into the program, for a total of \$30,000 over four years.

Communication – Mundelein Seminary will be responsible for providing communications to its contributing donors about the progress of participating seminarians.

Catholic Extension:

Financial –Catholic Extension will commit to matching the \$7,500 scholarship, for a commitment of \$30,000 over four years.

Communication – Catholic Extension will communicate the terms of the partnership to diocesan vocations directors and bishops. Catholic Extension will also be responsible for providing communications to its contributing donors about the progress of participating seminarians.

Diocese:

Financial – The diocese and/or the student will be responsible for the remainder of the tuition, room and board, and fees, and any additional expenses and incidentals associated with seminarian education, such as student fees, health insurance, text books, supplies, and travel.

Value Summary:

The total 4-year value of this scholarship to the participating diocese is **\$60,000 per seminarian**

- ✓ Mundelein Seminary's 4-year contribution –**\$30,000 per seminarian**
- ✓ Catholic Extension's 4-year contribution - **\$30,000 per seminarian**