



March 27, 2025

Dear Parents & Students:

The Endowment Committee is excited to announce the merit-based scholarships available to current SPC students returning for the 2025-2026 school year. Each year the Endowment administers merit-based, named scholarships totaling \$4,750:

- **Pastoral Leadership Award**—We are pleased to invite current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to apply. Three monetary awards of \$750 will be given to students who most demonstrate the qualities of leadership and service to others.
- **Maureen Kelly McCambridge Scholarship**—We are pleased to invite current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to apply for this \$1000 scholarship established in Maureen's honor and memory.
- **McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award**—This \$500 award is available to families that, for the first time during the 2024-2025 school year, have students in K-7<sup>th</sup> grades and are returning to SPC for a second year. It will be granted to welcome a new family to the SPC community.
- **Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship**—We are pleased to invite current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to apply for this \$1000 scholarship established by the O'Regan Family as a memorial to Mother Cabrini's legacy and relentless faith in Jesus.

This letter includes detailed information about each scholarship and its respective criteria. All essays will be judged using an independent, nonbiased format. For us to continue the growth of the Endowment, all award recipients and their families will be asked to help in some capacity at future Endowment events.

Below is the submission timeline. Please note that all deadlines are final, and there will be no exceptions to this or any of the scholarship requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mickelburgh.

#### **Submission Timeline for Endowment Merit-Based Scholarships**

- April 28, 2025 Applications for the Pastoral Leadership Award, Maureen McCambridge Scholarship, McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award, Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship due (by 9:00 pm)
- May 2, 2025 Maureen McCambridge semi-finalists notified
- May 12, 2025 Maureen McCambridge semi-finalists interviewed
- June 6, 2025 Pastoral Leadership Award, Maureen McCambridge Scholarship, Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship, and McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award recipients honored at all school Mass.

Sincerely,

Fr. James Wallace  
Pastor

Dr. Erika Mickelburgh  
Principal

Endowment Committee

**Maureen McCambridge Scholarship**  
**“Celebrate the Greatness of a Catholic Education”**

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of a wonderful parent, teacher, friend, and parishioner at St. Paul of the Cross. Fr. Carl and the Endowment Committee created this annual scholarship to pay tribute to the values she lived by.

Eligibility:

All current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Paul of the Cross are eligible to apply.

Award:

**One** \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Application Requirements:

Applicants will submit a written application, and selected semi-finalists will be interviewed. Financial need and academic performance are not a part of the established criteria for this scholarship. Applicants will be evaluated based on Christian ideals, work ethic, creativity, compassion for others, community service, strong self-identity, and leadership skills.

Please prepare a written response to the following questions. The response may not be more than one page and must be double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point font with one-inch margins. Please email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to [endowment@spc-school.net](mailto:endowment@spc-school.net). Type your name, homeroom, and “Maureen McCambridge Scholarship” in **the subject line** of the email. **Do not include** your name or other identifying information in response to any of the questions. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your submission has been received.

1. Why do you feel your Catholic education is important in your everyday life? How has it helped in your life?
2. What qualities do you believe are necessary to lead a good, fulfilling life?
3. In describing yourself, what do you believe are your best qualities, and which characteristics do you need to work on to become a better person?

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## **Pastoral Leadership Award**

The Endowment Committee established this award as the result of a generous donation to honor the work of our former Pastors, Fr. Britto Berchmans and Fr. Carl Morello.

### Eligibility:

All current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. Paul of the Cross are eligible to apply.

### Award:

Three \$750 scholarships will be awarded.

### Application Requirements:

Applicants will submit a written application. Applicants will be evaluated based on demonstrated leadership and service to others. Financial need will be a consideration for at least one of the three scholarships.

Please prepare a written response to the following questions. The response may not be more than one page and must be double spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point font with one-inch margins. Please email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to [endowment@spc-school.net](mailto:endowment@spc-school.net). Type your name, homeroom, and "Pastoral Leadership Award" in the subject line of the email. **Do not include** your name or other identifying information in response to any of the questions. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your submission has been received.

1. Please explain how your Catholic education has taught you the importance of helping others.
2. Please provide specific examples of how you have used your leadership skills to provide service to those in need.
3. Please provide a brief description of how this scholarship can help your family afford a Catholic education.

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## McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of a beloved aunt who valued Catholic education and the strong sense of community it provided to school families.

### Eligibility:

All families with current K–7th grade students who are new to St. Paul of the Cross School for the 2024–2025 school year and are returning for a second year are eligible to apply. (Previous attendance at SPC preschool does not prohibit you from applying.)

### Award:

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

### Application Requirements:

Applicants will submit and be evaluated based on a written application.

Please prepare a written response to the following questions. The response may not be more than one page and must be double spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point font with one-inch margins. Please email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to [endowment@spc-school.net](mailto:endowment@spc-school.net). Type your name, homeroom, and “McHugh Downes Award” in subject line of the email. **Do not include** your name or other identifying information in response to any of the questions. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your submission has been received.

1. What aspects of the educational experience at St. Paul of the Cross were most important to you in deciding to have your child/children attend this school?
2. As you approach the end of your first year at St. Paul of the Cross, how well have these educational priorities been met?
3. Describe the most satisfying experience you’ve had as a parent during the school year that helped confirm you made the right choice in bringing your family to St. Paul of the Cross school.

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## The Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship

Mother Cabrini never took no for an answer; she trusted in God and was resourceful in her pursuit of equality in her community, establishing hospitals, orphanages, etc...in essence, she was a trailblazer. Mother Cabrini was a member of the St. Paul of the Cross faith community--this scholarship is to be a memorial to her legacy and relentless faith in Jesus.

After 22 years of attending St. Paul of the Cross School, the O'Regan family created this scholarship in gratitude for the formation and education their children received at St. Paul of the Cross while also honoring a family devotion to Mother Cabrini.

### Eligibility:

All current 5th and 6th grade students at St. Paul of the Cross are eligible to apply.

### Award:

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

### Application Requirements:

Applicants will submit a written application. Applicants will be evaluated based on demonstrated leadership and service to others. Please prepare a written response to the following questions. The response may not be more than one page and must be double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-point font with one-inch margins. Please email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to [endowment@spc-school.net](mailto:endowment@spc-school.net). Type your name, homeroom, and "The Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship" in the subject line of the email. **Do not include** your name or other identifying information in response to the questions. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your submission has been received.

1. Please explain how you are a trailblazer in your faith.
2. Please provide specific examples of how you are relentless in your faith.
3. Please provide a brief description of what legacy (impact) you have had on your community through service, philanthropy, community projects, collaboration, etc...

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