



PARISH EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

March 26, 2026

Dear Parents & Students,

The Endowment Committee is excited to announce the merit-based scholarships available to current SPC students returning for the 2026-2027 school year. Each year, the Endowment administers merit-based, named scholarships.

- **Maureen Kelly McCambridge Scholarship:** We invite current 7th-grade students to apply for this \$2,000 scholarship established in Maureen's honor and memory. The Endowment Committee is happy to announce that, after remaining at \$1,000 since its inception, the award has been increased to \$2,000 beginning this year.
- **Pastoral Leadership Award:** We invite current 5th and 6th-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.
- **Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship:** We invite current 5th and 6th-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.
- **The McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award:** We invite families with students in K-7th grade who joined SPC in 2025-2026 and are returning for a second year. This scholarship welcomes a new family to the SPC community.

This letter includes detailed information about each scholarship and its respective criteria on the following pages. All essays will be judged using an independent, non-biased format.

Please note that all deadlines are final, and there will be no exceptions to this. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James White.

Submission Timeline for Endowment Merit-Based Scholarships

April 29, 2026 (by 9:00 pm): Applications due for the following awards:
Maureen McCambridge Scholarship, Pastoral Leadership Award, McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award, Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship.

May 5, 2026: Semi-finalists for the Maureen McCambridge Scholarship and Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship will be notified.

May 2026 (exact date to be announced): Semi-finalist interviews for the Maureen McCambridge Scholarship and Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship will be conducted.

June 5, 2026: Recipients of the Maureen McCambridge Scholarship, Mother Cabrini Legacy Scholarship, Pastoral Leadership Award, and McHugh Downes New Family Welcome Award will be honored at the all-school Mass.

Sincerely,

Fr. James Wallace

Pastor

Mr. James White

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 celebrate the values she lived by.

Eligibility:

All current 7th-grade students at St. Paul of the Cross are eligible to apply.

Award:

One \$2,000 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 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 exceed one page and must be double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins.

Email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to 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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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, and other institutions. In essence, she was a trailblazer. Mother Cabrini was a member of the St. Paul of the Cross faith community; this scholarship is 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 their family's 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 exceed one page and must be double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins.

Email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to 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 your service, philanthropy, community projects, or collaboration.

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Pastoral Leadership Award

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

Eligibility:

All current 5th and 6th-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 exceed one page and must be double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins.

Email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to 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 2025–2026 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 exceed one page and must be double-spaced in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1-inch margins.

Email your response (Word or PDF) in an attachment to endowment@spc-school.net. Type your name, homeroom, and “McHugh Downes 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. 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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