

## **History of the Doreen Melton Scholarship Fund**

In 1973, the Edmonton Diocesan Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada established a "Family Life" scholarship with the funds remaining from hosting the National Convention in Edmonton that year. Initially, the scholarship, paid out from interest earned on the invested principal, was awarded to a student taking a family life course at a Catholic university or college.

Two years later, Mrs. Doreen Melton died. Mrs. Melton was a long-standing CWL member who had done much to establish the League at the parish level in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. The scholarship was renamed in her honour to become the "Doreen Melton Scholarship." Because of Mrs. Melton's interest in promoting vocations to the priesthood, it was decided that an annual scholarship of \$500 would be awarded to a seminarian studying at St. Joseph Seminary for the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

In the late 1990s, additions to the fund, including \$1,500 from hosting the 1995 National Convention in Edmonton, brought the total principal to \$7,100.

## **Selection of Scholarship Recipient**

In January of each year, the Diocesan President writes to the Rector of St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton requesting the recommendation of an appropriate candidate. The Scholarship recipient is invited to the annual Diocesan Convention, where the scholarship is presented.

## **Current Status of the Fund**

The principal of the Scholarship Fund is retained in perpetuity in a long-term investment. The interest generated from the fund is used for the \$500 annual scholarship. When the interest in any given year is less than \$500, the balance comes from the Diocesan treasury. Declining interest rates have consistently made this a necessity in recent years.

## **Building the Fund for the Future**

We recognize with pride that 2005 marks thirty years of CWL's financial support to seminarians through the Doreen Melton Scholarship Fund. The fund's existence and longevity make a clear statement of the League's commitment to individual and collective spiritual development. Indeed, this is part of our mandate.

*"For we are God's workers."* 1 Cor 3:9

When recent diocesan reports indicated a need for a larger principal from which to draw interest for the Doreen Melton Scholarship, the Life Members of the Edmonton Diocesan Council discussed the fact that CWL members have never been given the opportunity of sharing God's gifts by donating to the fund. As a result, the Life Members volunteered to coordinate a project whereby members can donate or bequest money to the principal of the fund.

This project is based on the firm belief that building the principal now will ensure the League's continued support of and commitment to building the Church in the future. A \$25,000 fund at 2% interest would ensure \$500 for the scholarship each year. All of our approximately 4,500 League members are encouraged to donate to the project — no donation is too small.

## **Donor Recognition**

Names of those who contribute will be posted on a travelling "Donor Wall."

*"Christian stewards are generous out of love as well as duty."* American Catholic Bishops



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SCHOLARSHIP FUND —  
Building for the Future***



**Mission Statement**  
The Catholic Women's League  
of Canada  
is a national organization  
rooted in gospel values  
calling its members to holiness  
through service to the people of God.

A project of the Life Members of the  
Edmonton Diocesan Council of  
The Catholic Women's League of Canada.  
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I wish to contribute to the Doreen Melton Scholarship Fund in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

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I prefer not to have my name on the "Donor Wall."

Make cheque payable to: **Edmonton Diocesan CWL** (memo: Doreen Melton Scholarship Fund)  
No charitable tax receipt can be issued.

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