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### **Russell V. Ray and Mary Rose Noel Ray Scholarship Application**

Mr. and Mrs. Russell V. Ray, former parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church, were active members in our St. Joseph Parish community for over forty years. They were faithful Catholics who valued the importance of receiving a superior education. For this reason, the Ray family set up an endowment which will provide a scholarship each year to a qualifying student attending St. Joseph Catholic School.

The scholarship is designed to recognize a deserving student for their commitment to their Catholic faith. The award will be evenly distributed throughout the remaining years of tuition until the student graduates or moves outside the St. Joseph Catholic School community. The Ray family requested the scholarship be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Student shows a strong commitment to their Catholic faith through active participation and involvement in their school, church, and community.
2. Student must be in good academic standing and remain in good academic standing throughout the remaining years of their education.
3. Family could benefit from some financial assistance.

In order to be considered for the scholarship award, applicants must be in grade levels of fifth through seventh at St. Joseph Catholic School. The application should be completed by the student's parent, and a hand-written essay authored by the student should be submitted with the application. Both the application and the hand-written essay must be submitted to the school office in an envelope marked "Ray Scholarship Application" by May 4, 2018.



**Sections 1 and 2 of the application must be completed by the parent.**

**Section 1: Applicant Information** (completed by the parent)

**Student Name**

**Parent/Guardian Name**

**Street Address**

**City, State & Zip**

**Parent Phone**

**Parent Email Address**

**Current Grade of Student (Must be 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 7<sup>th</sup>)**

**Please list the student's extracurricular activities/involvement and the affiliation in the last two years. Next to each activity, please provide a reference name and phone number. Do not include your child's name below. (Consider activities such as altar service, clubs, sports, arts, music, dance, volunteer opportunities, etc.)**

**If there are any special financial circumstances that you feel are noteworthy, please feel free to share below?**

## **Section 2: Commitment to Catholic Faith Development**

(to be completed by the parent)

**Approximately, how many Sundays a year does your family attend mass?**

**How do you and your family contribute to your parish and school? Please do not use family or student name in your response.**

## **Section 3: Student Written Response** (to be completed by the student)

**This section MUST be authored and handwritten by the student only; the essay should be between 250 and 500 words. The student name and the family last name should not be included in the written response. Please attach the essay to the application and submit to the school office in a sealed envelope marked “Ray Scholarship Application” by 2pm on May 4, 2018.**

**Please respond to one of the following essay questions:**

**Essay Option #1**

**What does your Catholic education mean to you?**

**Essay Option #2**

**What are the characteristics of a Christian and how would your peers and teachers evaluate you as a Christian role model? How would you evaluate yourself?**

**Please return your completed application in a sealed envelope to the school office addressed to the attention of "Ray Scholarship Application" by 2pm on May 4, 2018.**

**Student Signature:**

**Parent / Guardian Signature:**

**Date:**