



February 21, 2025

Dear Eighth Grade Student,

Each year the St. Gertrude School PTO awards the St. Gertrude Scholarship to an Eighth-Grade girl and the St. Dominic Scholarship to an Eighth-Grade boy. Each of these awards includes the following:

- A \$2,000 scholarship to the Catholic high school that the recipient will attend
- A medal of St. Gertrude or St. Dominic
- The addition of the recipient's name to the commemorative winners' plaque at St. Gertrude School

We encourage all our graduating students who will be attending a Catholic high school in the fall to apply by completing an essay and questionnaire about your experience at St. Gertrude School. A panel of judges, including the Principal and Assistant Principal will evaluate and score your work. The boy and girl receiving the highest scores will be awarded the applicable scholarship.

The essay should focus on the following topic:

"How has St. Gertrude School made an impact on your life?"

The essay, which should be typed and approximately 500 words in length, will be judged as follows:

Form 40%

- Grammar: 15%
- Punctuation: 10%
- Spelling: 5%
- Sentence Structure: 10%

Content 60%

- Depth of message/thought: 30%
- Originality of thought/maturity: 30%

The questionnaire is attached to this letter. Each question should be answered in a succinct, clear manner. The responses should be typed. Each response should be no longer than 50 words.

Please do not put your name on your papers, within your essay, or within your answers to the questions. It is very important for the essays and questionnaires to remain anonymous. Therefore, you should not identify yourself in any way by indicating you had a specific role at school (i.e. Student Council President). A number system will be used to guarantee the anonymity of each entry.

The essays should be submitted to Mrs. Miller in the school office and must be received by the deadline to qualify for the scholarship. **The deadline is 4 pm April 7.** The winners will be announced at the Eighth Grade Awards Ceremony.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gina Conger
PTO Chair