



**Our Lady of Purgatory Church Education Foundation**  
**4254 Acushnet Avenue**  
**New Bedford, Massachusetts 02745**

April 28, 2026

Dear Parishioner,

In the 33 years since it was created in 1993, the Our Lady of Purgatory Church Education Foundation has supported the educational endeavors of young adults in our Parish by awarding 60 scholarships totaling over \$39,000.00.

Some of our original scholarship recipients have returned home to our Parish and are now carrying on the traditions passed to them by their parents and grandparents by participating in our Parish life.

First and foremost our scholarships honor the parish involvement of our recipients by assisting them in furthering their education. While we appreciate the involvement of all of our Parishioners, it is important to remember that our scholarships are based on the parish involvement of our recipients and not of their family. We understand that it may be difficult for college students to participate throughout the year and encourage them to participate as much as they can while they are home.

Please complete the attached Scholarship Application and return it to me by Sunday, May 31, 2026. The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing completed applications during the following week and we will be awarding the Scholarships on Father's Day, June 21, 2026 at the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy. We encourage all to join us for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. We are also raffling a \$200.00 Spa Gift Certificate, and a beautiful lady's purse to benefit the Education Foundation and will be announcing the winner of the gift certificate at the Coffee Hour after the Mother's Day Liturgy.

Thank you for participating in our scholarship program and for your involvement in our Parish.

In Christ, I remain,