

## JOHN F. KLIMEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

John F. Klimek was born in Joliet, Illinois on September 24, 1899. His family, of Slovak Catholic descent, emigrated from Austria-Hungary to Canada and then to the United States of America. Mr. Klimek knew the value of a good, solid, Catholic education. He was fluent in eight different languages (English, Slovak, Czech, Croatian, Russian, Polish, German and Italian) and excelled in mathematics. Additionally, he was awarded the Palmer Penmanship Award for excellence in his cursive script style. Mr. Klimek had completed two years of college education and wanted to become a lawyer. However, at the age of 19, a tragic family accident changed his life and forced him to operate the family business, Klimek's Grocery. Klimek's Grocery, on 712 Landau Ave., offered a complete line of meats, sausages and cheeses, bakery items, staple foods, frozen food items and a candy counter as well as a selection of dry goods. Mr. Klimek was known as a generous individual who helped many throughout the years of the Great Depression, WWII, and the decades afterwards. **It is in his honor that we will award a \$500.00 scholarship to the most qualified 6<sup>th</sup> grade student through 11<sup>th</sup> grade student who is an active parishioner of St. Joseph's Church in Joliet.** The scholarship monies will be credited toward the student's 2021 – 2022 junior high or high school student's tuition, whichever is applicable. The award will be paid directly to the business office of the student's Catholic school. All applications must be completed and returned to Fr. Timothy P. Andres, O. Carm. **no later than May 3, 2021.** All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision. Questions should be directed to Fr. Tim.

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number and Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Grade School / High School you attend** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## REQUIREMENTS

1. An essay of maximum 500 words typed and double spaced entitled, "How does my Catholic Faith Determine the Decisions that I Make?" The essay must be submitted with a cover sheet listing the applicant's name, address, phone number and the name of the Catholic grade/high school the applicant will attend their 2021 - 2022 year. Please note not only the content of the essay, but also the use of English grammar will be considered.
  
2. A letter of recommendation from one of the following: Pastor, teacher, relative, etc., who can attest to the candidate's character.
  
3. A list of all current Community/School/Church Activities, including Athletic Programs.

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4. A copy of your most recent report card from your Catholic grade school or high school.

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