

**The Redemptorists**  
**Edmonton-Toronto Province (Canada)**  
**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary**  
**For the Study of Moral Theology**

Occasion

Nineteen hundred and eighty-two marked the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer commonly known as the Redemptorists. The Congregation was founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori at Scala in the kingdom of Naples in the year 1732. The Redemptorists are primarily a missionary community – called to prophetic preaching, action and life where great spiritual need is discerned. Historically, the Redemptorist thrust has been and still is in home countries, but with extension to foreign mission fields. Pastorally and spiritually, Redemptorists are dedicated to leading people to a radical choice regarding their lives and to drawing them “firmly and gently to a continuing and total conversion” (Redemptorist Constitutions and Statutes, #11.)

Rationale

One of the basic thrusts of Redemptorists has been the pursuit of sound moral theology, as well as its application in the lives of ordinary Catholics. This concern originated in the life, writings and work of our founder St. Alphonsus. It has been pursued in various ways by Redemptorists throughout the centuries producing men like Bernard Häring, C.Ss.R. and establishing a graduate institute of moral theology of international reputation, the Accademia Alphonsiana in Rome.

Though the Redemptorist province of Edmonton-Toronto which comprises the English-speaking Redemptorists is numerically small, we share the common Redemptorist concern for the moral lives of all people. And so we have established the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bursary to demonstrate our commitment to that concern and to encourage and help lay people to contribute more effectively to moral life and thought within Canada.

With this bursary we wish to help in the education of lay persons willing to do post-graduate work in moral theology. It is hoped that a well-educated man or woman of faith can bring a considerable influence on the church and society through such an education.

We also note, however, that the study of moral theology, as we see it, must be pursued from a fundamental viewpoint, i.e., that the philosophical and methodological foundations of moral theology must be at the root of the candidate’s pursuit of wisdom in this area. She or he must be prepared to ground Catholic moral understanding on the most solid foundations available to the human mind, in order to further the pursuit of the truth.

## The Bursary

The bursary award will be up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 per student year. And the award can be obtained for a maximum of three years.

## Requirements For Candidates For The Bursary

1. The Bursary will be awarded to a lay person who is a believing Christian, ordinarily of the Catholic tradition, and who is in need of such assistance.
2. The Bursary will be awarded to a person in studies leading to a doctorate in the field of moral theology, or in foundational and systematic studies which lie at the root of moral theology. Persons who have already obtained a doctorate may also apply for the bursary for further studies in moral or foundational theology.
3. A student may apply for the bursary for up to three years' assistance. We ask, however, that for each year of assistance, the student will upon completion of the degree, put in two years up to a maximum of five years of active service in Canada. Where adequate employment is difficult or impossible to find, the Redemptorists may themselves strive to provide the assurance of one year of service in the field of moral theology.
4. If the candidate fails to continue the approved study program or is not prepared to fulfill the service provisions of the bursary, he or she will be bound to pay back the monies received from the bursary.
5. At the end of each academic year of study, the student is to provide the Bursary committee with an official transcript of marks obtained and a progress report on the program of studies undertaken.
6. At the end of the program undertaken, the student must present a record of marks obtained and confirmation of the awarded degree with an assessment of the institution and program in which the studies were taken. The student will also be invited to provide the Bursary committee a self-evaluation regarding the impact of the program on the intellectual and spiritual formation of the student.
7. During the time of study the committee will initiate and continue dialogue with the student regarding the fulfillment of the service required after graduation.

## Personal Interviews

A short list of applicants will be interviewed by the Awards Committee of the Edmonton-Toronto Province. This interview will seek to clarify and expand on the intention of the Redemptorists in offering the bursary and also seek to determine whether this intention resonates with the expectations of the applicant. The Redemptorists will provide travel assistance for this interview.

## Payment of the Bursary

A full bursary awarded to the successful applicant will be sent in two equal installments, the first in September of the award year and the second the following January. Partial bursaries will be sent out as approved by the Awards Committee.

# Application Form

## Personal Information

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male  Female  Marital Status: Single  Married  Other (Specify)

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Social Insurance No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Religious Background

Place and Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Date of Marriage (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's name, address and telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Academic Record

(List all post secondary institutions attended or attending)

Name of Institution	Location	From Year Month	To Year Month	Program
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## Degrees Obtained

(Submit official transcripts or certified statements confirming degrees awarded and academic standing achieved)

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## **Additional Information**

Have you ever been required to withdraw from an institution? If yes, state name of the institution and reason for required withdrawal.

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Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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What other language(s) than English do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honours Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Publications: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide a one- or two-page outline of your proposed plan of studies, including your particular interests.

### Redemptorist Anniversary Bursary for Lay Theologians

To mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Redemptorists by St. Alphonsus Liguori, the Edmonton-Toronto province of the Redemptorists established in 1987 a bursary to be awarded to a lay person engaged in doctoral studies or ready to engage in such studies in the field of moral theology.

The bursary's capital fund will provide an annual income of up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 Canadian each year for a period of up to three years. Or the \$20,000 may be apportioned to several recipients for the award year.

For each year of assistance, the candidate will be required to work two years in Canada in the teaching of theology or in a related field, such as clinical bioethics, up to a maximum of five years. The Redemptorists undertake to assist in providing a start to such employment.

The next award will be for the academic year 2021-22, although the award committee may assign awards for the following year (or two) as well. The final date for receiving applications will be May 28, 2021.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THIS BURSARY IS INVITED TO WRITE FOR AN APPLICATION FORM OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TO:**

The Redemptorist Anniversary Bursary for Lay Theologians  
c/o Redemptorist Provincial Offices  
426 St. Germain Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5M 1W7

Or send an email requesting application papers to: [secretary@redemptorists.ca](mailto:secretary@redemptorists.ca)

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As part of the application process, we require that all applicants submit a 250 – 400 word statement of their interest in moral theology, their understanding of the relevance of this area of theology in today's world and their plans for pursuing the doctoral degree (institution, time for completion, possible specialized area of study.)

In this statement we would like to know how you hope to use this degree in fulfilling the service requirement of this bursary.

You may wish to support your application by sending us a recent sample of your written work (for example, a paper prepared for one of your recent theology courses.)

If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, please indicate your status and its implications for the fulfillment of the service requirement of the bursary.

Three letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter must be from an academic referee at an institution last attended. The letters are to be addressed to:

Redemptorist Anniversary Bursary for Lay Theologians  
c/o Fr. Ray Douziech, C.Ss.R.  
426 St. Germain Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5M 1W7  
Ph. 416 789 3217

Or they can be emailed to: [secretary@redemptorists.ca](mailto:secretary@redemptorists.ca)