**THE FATHER THEO PALIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will be accepting applications for the 2017 – 2018 Father Theo Palis Memorial Scholarship from August 31, 2017 – September 30,2017. The Father Palis Memorial Scholarship is designed to identify Parish students who attend Our Lady of the World Church and exemplify the ideas of Father Palis, the Catholic Church and provide them with some financial assistance during their academic year. The Selection Committee, under the guidance of the Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and Our Lady Queen of the World, has developed a process that will determined the winners.

**Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee is comprised but not limited to Knights of Columbus and Columbiette members. The Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing each application, awarding points, final ranking and awarding the Father Palis Scholarship.

**Selection Criteria**

* Applicants **must** reside in Our Lady Queen of the World Church parish.
* Applicants **must** be a practicing Catholics and have made their First Communion.
* Applicants **must** be attending High School, College or attending Technical or Trade School during the award year. Five Bonus points will be awarded to students attending a Catholic school.
* Applicants attending High School students **must** provide a copy of their latest report card. College students **must** provide proof of enrollment and transcript verifying the 3.0 GPA.
* Applicants **must** be full time students or can be part time if working.
* Applicants **must** submit a minimum 250 typed word essay describing your achievements, educational goals, participation in Our Lady Queen of the World and how your Catholic faith has assisted you.
* Applicants **must** submit at least one current recommendation letter: School Administrator, Counselor, Volunteer Coordinator, Employer or Priest. Family recommendation letters will not be accepted.
* Last year’s winners **must** wait one year before submitting a new Fr. Palis Memorial Scholarship application.
* All require documents must be submitted along with the application by the due date. **Incomplete applications will not be considered**.

**Selection Process**

1. The Selection Committee will review each application to ensure that each Applicant meets all the Selection Criteria.
2. The Selection Committee will use a point system for grading each criteria.
3. The Selection Committee Chair will notify the winners by mail.
4. Scholarshipwill be mailed directly to the school to assist the student during their academic year.

**Applications can be found on the table located at the church entrance or picked up at the Rectory Office during normal business hours (Monday 10am – 12 noon); Tuesday – Friday 8am – 12 noon) or Parish website at** [**www.olqw.org**](http://www.olqw.org)**.**

**APPICATION DEADLINE IS September 30, 2017**