

JORDAN PARISH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Parish Sponsorship Form

2023-2024 Academic Year
Fall 2023 | Spring 2024 | Summer 2024

Dear Pastor and Parish Council:

_____ continues enrollment as a **provisional matriculant** **degree candidate** in the **Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies** **Master of Arts in Theology** **Master of Divinity** degree program offered at St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry.

Under the terms of the agreement the Jordan Parish Assistance Program (JPAP), has agreed to pay 50%, of tuition charges for each course required as a part of this degree program if the student's sponsoring parish pays 25% towards the tuition charges. The diocese is responsible for the remaining 25% of the tuition charges. Students are responsible for the books and fees.

Tuition cost for the 2022-2023 academic year is \$2205.00 per graduate course; **parish cost per 3-credit course is \$735.00. Parish cost per 1 credit course is \$367.50.** The student will ensure that St Bernard's has the correct billing address/email of the parish. Payments must be made by parish check to St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry by stated due date.

Please note the JPAP only covers tuition charges for courses which fulfill requirements of the degree program in which the student is enrolled. Audited courses, thesis fees and other maintenance fees are not covered.

Students under the JPAP are responsible for the following: timely receipt of the completed parish sponsorship form; holding good financial standing; maintaining a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative average; and completion of all degree program requirements within the statute of limitations. Failure to comply with any or all of these responsibilities may lead to ineligibility for the JPAP. Students who withdraw from a class after the drop/add period will be billed for the parish and scholarship amounts that were applied to the class. The seminary will in turn reimburse the parish for the portion they paid.

Please fill this form out with your pastor/administrator and return to me at tchriswell@buffalodiocese.org or mail to: Attn: Dcn. Tim Chriswell – 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 prior to the start of the school year to obtain the scholarship.

Parish and Student Agreement

_____ Parish agrees to assume financial responsibility of 25% of each 3 credit and 1 credit courses for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Pastor/Administrator signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor/Administrator (please print): _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____