



Christ the Teacher Institute

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CHRIST THE TEACHER INSTITUTE Catholic Scholars Program

Description and Application for INCOMING FRESHMEN 2017/2018

CHRIST THE TEACHER INSTITUTE

The *Christ the Teacher Institute* (CTI) is a mission of the Sheil Catholic Center at Northwestern University. Its purpose is to help form Catholic leaders for the Church and the world through the integration of stipend, prayer, service, and leadership. The Institute oversees the Sheil Seminars, the Catholic Scholars Program, the Catholic Fellowships in Church Leadership, and the Simpson Essay Prize.

CATHOLIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM

In order to enter into an adult relationship with Christ, Catholic Scholars take seriously the commitment to deepen their understanding of faith, pray on a regular basis, serve the needs of others, and provide leadership that is distinctively Catholic. Catholic Scholars are theologically grounded, spiritually alive, articulate in their faith, and joyfully involved in Catholic tradition. Graduates of this program will be well-prepared to serve on parish councils, teach CCD, participate in liturgy committees and lead social justice efforts. In addition they are able to bring Christian principles to their families and careers. Those seeking entry into the program on a may apply between May 1 and August 25. The program is normally 6 quarters in length (two years). At the end of the first year, the student, in discernment with the director will have the option of leaving the program with a one year certificate. **Seniors may enter the program for a one year certificate.**

STIPENDS

Stipends help pay for the expenses of the Catholic Scholars Program and provide additional self-earned income to pay for student expenses. All first year Scholars will receive \$2,000 (less the cost of service trips and/or retreats) Scholars continuing into the second year for the advanced certificate will receive an additional \$3,000 which may be used to pay for additional retreats or service trips or for NU tuition, housing, or other expenses. Stipends are paid out at the end of the academic year, unless special arrangements are made. **Students who become Catholic Scholars may decline all or part of their stipend so that others might take advantage of the program.**

The stipend money given here will not reduce NU's commitment to meet full demonstrated need. Any part of the stipend not used for required costs of the program (i.e. service trips, retreats, etc) is considered an outside source to reduce the self-help portion of the student's financial aid award. In very rare instances, the stipend may affect Northwestern financial aid. No money is given for co-op or intern quarters away from campus or for students in the fifth year of the program. Entry into the program assumes completion of at least the one year track. If a student drops out of the program without completing at least the one-year track, the student is obligated to reimburse Sheil for all stipend funds given up until the point of departure.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

CTI is directed by Mary Deeley, who holds a Master of Divinity from Yale University and a PhD in Hebrew Bible and Early Christian Literature from Northwestern University. Dr. Deeley has worked and ministered on college, university, and seminary campuses since 1978. She has written many articles on scripture and liturgy and has lectured extensively on scripture, spirituality, ministry, and faith issues. She has particular interest in

discernment and leadership development. Dr. Deeley is the author of “Mothers, Lovers, Priests, Prophets, and King: What the Old Testament Tells Us About God and Ourselves,” “Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas,” and “Remembering God: Resting in the Midst of Life,” all from Liguori Press. Dr. Deeley interacts personally with the students, and teaches some of the Seminars for *Christ the Teacher*. She serves as an advisor to all Catholic Scholars and as the Pastoral Associate for the Sheil Catholic Center.

ELIGIBILITY

Any full-time student entering Northwestern, who is a practicing Catholic and is willing and able to meet the requirements, can apply to participate in *Christ the Teacher* Catholic Scholars Program. The program has a limited number of slots each year. Preference will be given to students who have completed their freshman year.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Each participant must be involved and committed to a process of deepening their spirituality and achieving a more mature understanding of their Catholic faith and be willing to participate in the program until requirements are met. The program is designed to allow for study abroad or internships off campus during the process. No stipend money will be given during the quarters off campus.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS in the TWO-YEAR TRACK (minimum 6 quarters)

1. Maintain a GPA of 2.8
2. Four CORE seminars in theology, liturgy, morality, and scripture plus 2 other seminars (or equivalent in NU courses as determined by the director) chosen from the other disciplines
3. Participation in the theological reflection seminar at the end of each quarter, designed to help the student integrate his or her faith and learning into the overall life experience as a Northwestern student and a Catholic young adult
4. Regular engaged participation AND witness/leadership in SCC liturgy, SCC activities, and personal prayer (See # 8 for examples of participation). All Scholars are expected to come to mass at Sheil at least weekly and to pray daily. Commuter Students are expected to be involved in other activities at Sheil
5. Personal spiritual direction
6. Participation in at least one overnight retreat OR a weekly SCC small faith group or bible study (equivalent 30 + hours each year). BUSY STUDENT Retreat does not fulfill this requirement.
7. Participation in an Alternative Break immersion trip (either international or domestic) AND at least three additional service opportunities. (The latter can be fulfilled with another alternative break trip in the second year). See handbook for acceptable components of a “service” project.
8. Practice Christian leadership by “Putting on the mind of Christ” in our leadership development component. Apply what is learned by taking an active role in Sheil ministry or activity for at least three quarters (i.e. become a liturgical minister, serve in the nursery, organize an event or join a committee in CaSA (Catholic Students Association), join or lead a small faith group, teach CCD – there are more than 70 different ways to be involved.
9. Completion of a final integrative paper in the last year
10. All Catholic Scholars are encouraged to take at least one course in the Catholic Studies program during their undergraduate years, although this is not a strict requirement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following materials must be submitted to the SCC office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, August 25, 2017**:

1. The official Catholic Scholar application form can be downloaded from the Sheil website: http://www.sheil.northwestern.edu/christ_the_teacher/catholic_scholars_program.html. For more information or for a word document format, contact m-deeley@u.northwestern.edu
2. A one - two page typed statement indicating the applicant’s reasons for wanting to participate in the program and willingness and ability to meet the requirements, especially the time commitments; as well as high school leadership roles, honors, and cumulative GPA. Applicants may also note their financial situation if they wish.
3. A letter of recommendation from a pastor (or other pastoral leader, youth minister, or campus minister) who can attest to the applicant’s commitment to the Catholic tradition, involvement in a faith community, as well as potential for leadership.

4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, or academic counselor who can attest to the applicant's potential to successfully complete additional college level coursework.

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee composed of the director of the program, the director of Sheil and permanent community members will review all the fully completed applications received by the deadline. They will make their selections on the following criteria:

1. Student's enthusiasm for and purpose in applying for the program as demonstrated in the application essay
2. Commitment to embracing all aspects of faith and learning from them.
3. Leadership potential
4. Academic abilities and current level of engagement as demonstrated in the recommendations
5. Ability to manage the time demands
6. Willingness to participate until the requirements are met.



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CHRIST THE TEACHER INSTITUTE Catholic Scholars OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM – Incoming NU Freshmen

Applications will be accepted **between May 1, 2016 and Aug 25, 2017.**

Please *type* or *print* all responses on this application.

I am applying to be a Catholic Scholar

Name: _____

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Permanent Address:

Street, City, State / Zip Code

Home Phone: (_____) _____

NU Address:

Please include zip code if you are not living in a NU residence hall.

Your Cell Phone: (_____) _____

NU Email: _____@u.northwestern.edu

Other E-mail if you are using that _____

Home Parish: _____

Church Name and City

Pastor _____

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Cumulative GPA: _____

Highest Honor Received: _____

Best Stipend Won: _____

Highest Leadership Position: _____

(OVER PLEASE for Application Check List)

The following items must be submitted with this application form:

1. Pages 4-5 of the application
2. A 1-2 page typed statement indicating your reasons for wanting to participate in the Christ the Teacher Program and willingness and ability to meet the requirements, especially the time commitments; as well high school or college leadership roles, honors and cumulative GPA. You may also note your financial situation if they wish.
3. A letter of recommendation from a pastor (or other pastoral leader) who can attest to your commitment to the Catholic tradition, involvement in a faith community, as and potential for leadership (Recommendation forms can be downloaded from the Sheil website: http://www.sheil.northwestern.edu/christ_the_teacher/catholic_scholars_program.html) or contact Mary Deeley (m-deeley@northwestern.edu) for a word document
4. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, academic advisor, or leadership supervisor who can attest to the applicant's potential to successfully complete college level coursework in addition to current course load. (Recommendation forms can be downloaded from the Sheil website: http://www.sheil.northwestern.edu/christ_the_teacher/catholic_scholars_program.html) or contact Mary Deeley (m-deeley@northwestern.edu) for a word document

Characteristic of Christ you would most like to take on _____

I would pursue this program even if you did not offer a stipend yes no

I will be a full-time student at Northwestern University in the 2015/2016 academic year. I am practicing Catholic and I intend to fulfill the program requirements. I understand that if I do not complete at least the first year track, I must reimburse Sheil for any stipend money I received to that point.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications and recommendations can be submitted electronically to Mary Deeley: m-deeley@northwestern.edu or by mail addressed to

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attn: Director