

REACHING OUT WEDNESDAYS

Topic: College Financing

Diocese of Fargo: Since we are just moving to an outside college seminary as ours closes this year, we are in the learning curve here. We have sent the students to the regular FAFSA application, we have increased our diocesan scholarship as the tuition, room & board costs will be higher at the new seminary. We also encouraged them to apply to the seminary for scholarships there.

Archdiocese of St. Paul - Minneapolis: Our archdiocese covers only room and board for college seminarians, but the Catholic university here, on which campus the college seminary is located, offers a 35% on tuition.

After that, seminarian candidates are to apply for all the grants and loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) available to them. The university sends monthly bulletins of available grants and scholarships. There are department scholarships, such as the Catholic Studies Department scholarship. And there are Knights of Columbus scholarships, and a local Catholic United Financial scholarship (which might be local). However, should our college seminarians receive a needs-based scholarship, it reduces the 35% discount.

Some of our men receive a Perkins loan (government), others have been given academic "awards" from this university from \$4,000 to \$8,000. Other men apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and even parents can apply for FAFSA if the student doesn't get enough.