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TITLE: Announcement! Nominations Open for Religious Studies Scholarship

TEXT:

We have an exciting announcement. Back to its very founding, D+E+I's mission has always had its focus on adult **education** – to build up and sustain the people of God, in order to, with **prayer**, reach out in **justice** to better this world – and **celebrate** it ... the four pillars of the Dominican charism.

Are YOU a future leader in religious studies, like theology, religious history, social justice, pastoral ministry, spirituality, scripture? This is for you. Nominate yourself.

KNOW such a future leader from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and/or pursuing religious studies here? This is for you. Nominate them.

The Coffey D+E+I Religious Studies Scholarship Fund has been established through the Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. This fund is established to:

- Promote the religious studies area with our next generation, university level students, our future leaders,
- Recognize the moral compass of liberal arts students who have a strong understanding of the human condition,
- Encourage appreciation of differing perspectives and willingness to accept ambiguity,
- Raise up those students with a sense of values that permit them to navigate their way through that uncertainty resulting from awareness of human affairs and human rights,
- Remember the life of John M. Coffey, MD, committed to the liberal arts, ongoing advanced education and social gospel justice, including lifelong learning to bolster one's faith and person-to-person philanthropy,
- Honor the works for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, various parishes and D+E+I by Kristine J. Coffey (D+E+I Chair 2012-2017, Vice Chair 2011-2012, volunteer and committees' chairs 14 years) and the philanthropic support of D+E+I by both Dr. and Mrs. Coffey over nineteen (19) year as of award formation, and
- Support and affirm the leadership of Archbishop John C. Wester and the Coffeys' commitment to their ongoing Catholic faith development.

Thank you to the inaugural Scholarship Judging Committee:

- Dr. Marty Hewlett, OP, Professor Emeritus, Department of Molecular & Cellular Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Graduate theological Union, Berkeley, CA; former interim CEO, UNM-Taos, Religious Studies faculty, UNM-Taos, D+E+I Board of Directors 2015 to present.
- Kathrine Holscher, PhD, endowed Roman Catholic Chair of the University of New Mexico, Associate Professor Religious Studies and American Studies, D+E+I Board of Directors 2013 - 2018
- Richard L. Wood, PhD, Interim Provost at the University of New Mexico, former Chair of Sociology and of the Religious Studies departments, Professor Sociology, *pro bono* advisor to USCCB CCHD, D+E+I Board of Directors 200-2002, 2013 to present

Request a Nomination Form from the founding Trustee and Chair, Kristine J. Coffey at [kcoffey826cpe@aol.com](mailto:kcoffey826cpe@aol.com). Nomination deadline is January 2, 2019. Student Applications are due no later than January 15, 2019. Scholarship Fund Terms and Conditions are available from the Trustee.

**NOTE:**

**The November article will focus on Eligible and Ineligible Nominees, as well as the Nomination Process.**

**The December article will focus on the Student Application Process.**

**The January article will be a last minute warning and the Award Review Process – could add the Scholarship Judging Committee here, if no room in October issue for that part.**

**The March article will be an announcement of the 2019 Awardee, including interview and head shot.**