



**Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies
Application for Rev. Monsignor Richard T. Crean College Scholarship**

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I, _____, have read and understand the conditions of the Rev. Msgr. Richard T. Crean Scholarship as explained below. I affirm that I plan to attend a higher institution of learning as defined in this document. I give permission to officials of my secondary school to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested in this application. I understand that this completed application will be available only to qualified people who need to see it in the course of their respective duties. I affirm that all of the information on this application is my own work or formally cited from other sources. I affirm that the information contained within is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

All spaces should be completed whenever possible: the application is to be given to your Principal along with an accompanying stamped envelope, addressed as shown below:

**Rev. Monsignor Richard T. Crean Scholarship Committee
c/o Wilfredo Serrano
6 Francis Avenue
Hamilton, NJ 08629
Phone:609-647-8245**

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Legal Name in full: Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____
(Print/Type)

Permanent Residence: _____
(Number and Street)

(City) (State) ZIP

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Home Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

I am a U.S. Citizen: _____ I am a U.S. National _____

Name of Nominating High School: _____

Major(s) Curriculum: _____

My Mercer County Parish is _____

The Pastor of my Parish is _____

Name: _____

FAMILY FACTORS

List persons in your household:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>	<u>Source</u>
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Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

List financial aid you can expect from home: \$ _____

Financial aid from other sources: \$ _____

To what institution(s) of higher education have you applied?

Name: _____

Describe your general health: _____

How many days have you been absent in your 12th year (current date of application): _____

If you are applying for another scholarship(s), list the name(s) of the source(s) and the amount(s): _____

List the high school from which you will be graduating and other secondary institutions, including summer studies, exchange programs:

<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date(s) Attended</u>
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List your high school activities (e.g., student government, sports, school paper, school-sponsored community service programs, arts, music, etc)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Office(s) held</u>
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List your public service and community activities (e.g., homeless, environmental/conservation, work with religious organizations, etc.): do not repeat previously listed items

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u># weeks active</u>
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Name: _____

List awards and other special recognitions you have received

Describe one specific example of your leadership (The School Principal must confirm this experience)

Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity (do not repeat any experiences described above)

List the three (3) most significant courses you have taken in your High School curriculum and why they are important to you as you enter college/university

What do you plan as a career after graduating from college/university studies?

List any additional personal information you are willing to share with the Rev. Msgr. Richard T. Crean Scholarship Committee

Name: _____

PRINCIPAL REPORT ON STUDENT

NOTE: *This form is not to be returned to the student: it should be directed only to the Scholarship Committee address shown on page 1.*

In scholastic standing, this applicant ranks number _____ in a graduating class of _____ students.

List the subject(s) in which the applicant has shown special aptitude or unusual abilities

List the school and/or community activities in which the applicant has taken a noteworthy part:

Has his/her record in the school been such that you can place full confidence in his/her integrity? _____

Describe any disciplinary or censuring activity for misconduct by the applicant (if any, indicate the year, nature of the incident and its seriousness)

Describe any serious physical or constitutional weaknesses, as far as is known by you

Rate the applicant's qualities as listed below by placing a checkmark in the appropriate space (it is acceptable to include estimates made by teachers familiar to the applicant)

OUTSTANDING ABOVE AVERAGE AVERAGE BELOW AVERAGE

Intellectual Interest:	_____
Mental Alertness:	_____
Industry:	_____
Initiative:	_____
Moral Influence:	_____
Sense of Honor:	_____
Leadership:	_____
Cooperativeness:	_____
Physical Vigor:	_____
Personal Appearance:	_____
Maturity:	_____

PRINCIPAL REPORT ON STUDENT

Name: _____

Indicate the latest College Board SAT scores:

Verbal: _____ Mathematics: _____

Do you recommend this applicant as qualified/unqualified for consideration of a scholarship award?
If so, why/why not?

Please print the following information:

Date: _____

Name/Title: _____

School: _____

Signature: _____

FEBRUARY 17, 2023 IS THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Msgr. Richard T. Crean

'GREATER LOVE THAN THIS...'

Vice chancellor, chancellor, vicar general, Cathedral Rector, domestic prelate, Prothonotary Apostolic—that was Msgr. Richard T. Crean, but to him, the greatest title was **Parish Priest**.

For him all the tasks entrusted to him by the four Bishops of Trenton under whom he served, to Msgr. Crean, the spiritual and, at times, material welfare of the flock given into his charge as pastor was something for which he always found time.

His life was ended as he had lived - sacrificing for others as he ran through the Cathedral Rectory early on the morning of March 14, 1956, as flames swept through the building, giving the alarm to the others sleeping there.

Born in Camden October 24, 1901, Msgr. Crean attended Camden Catholic High School and St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, and at both starred on the basketball teams.

He completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and was ordained June 2, 1928, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark, by the late Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh, then Bishop of Newark.

Fr. Crean was assigned as assistant at St. Peter's Church, New Brunswick, where he served from June 21, 1928, to October 14, 1929, when he was assigned by Bishop John J. McMahon to the Cathedral as an assistant and as vice chancellor of the diocese.

On the following January 1, Fr. Crean was appointed diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. On the appointment of Bishop Moses E. Kiley, later Archbishop of Milwaukee, to be fifth Bishop of Trenton, Fr. Crean was reappointed vice chancellor and diocesan Propagation director.

On August 8, 1938, Fr. Crean was named chancellor of the diocese, succeeding Msgr. Thomas U. Reilly, who became vicar general, and after the death of Msgr. Reilly in 1953, Bishop George W. Ahr appointed him vicar general.

On March 1, 1940, Pope Pius XII named Fr. Crean a domestic prelate, with the title of right reverend monsignor, and in October, 1948, the Holy Father made him a Prothonotary Apostolic, the highest honor a priest can receive short of being made a bishop.

At the investiture ceremonies, the late Bishop William A. Griffin said of Msgr. Crean: "Msgr. Crean's work among the priests of the diocese will stand as a monument. His Holiness has conferred this honor upon no other priest in the world who deserves it more than Msgr. Crean."
(*The Monitor*, March 20, 1959)

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Their spiritual director from formation of the Mercer County Federation of Holy Name Societies in 1940 until his death, the men of the federation have sponsored a Mass annually for the repose of Msgr. Crean's soul, followed by a breakfast or brunch, proceeds from which help to finance scholarships in his memory-grants to deserving high school graduates continuing their education.

So it is today that we revere his memory by remembering him at Mass; we perpetuate his memory through the medium of scholarships.

May he rest in peace!

