

Sir Knight John Mascari Memorial Scholarship Application



Who Was John Mascari?

Excerpt from the John's Funeral Homily, by Deacon Carl Calcara:

We hear in Romans: "Do not grow slack in zeal; be fervent in spirit; serve the Lord." John Mascari was not slack in ANYTHING. He had a zeal for living this life and a zeal for serving the Lord and His people. John loved living life whether it was trains or traveling. Many might say that his life was full of many challenges but that didn't stop him from living life to the fullest. One of John's loves in life was Independence Day. He marched in Sunbury's 4th of July parade every year with the Knights of Columbus. Many years, he attended Red, White, and Boom in downtown Columbus. Also, for many years, he crashed the mayor's party on the City Hall Plaza.

But it was serving our Lord that set John apart from anyone else, including myself. John truly understood and took to heart that we are made in God's image to know, love and serve Him. John loved ALL aspects of the Mass, from the music, to greeting people at the doors, to greeting the priests and deacons before every Mass, to the music at Christmas Mass, to the Easter Vigil when the lights would come on and the bells were rung...but most of all, John loved receiving the Eucharist. Some might say John had a childlike love for God like no other.

John was a servant of the Lord, like no other. You might even say he had a zeal for being a servant of the Lord. He not only talked the talk, but he walked the walk. He was Christ the Servant. Many times, he would attend four Masses in one weekend, singing in the 9am choir, be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and be a Greeter. He would be at every church function or ministry such as Knights of Columbus, the Festival, Fish Fry's, and serving at Big Walnut Friends Who Share, to name just a few.

Even though John suffered through his cancer for the last several years, it did **not** defeat him. You might say John *embraced and offered up* his suffering by serving the Lord. John would gladly lose his life in this world to serve God and live for heaven. We heard in the Gospel of John: "Jesus said, 'Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.'"

Servants of the Lord love Him with all our mind, heart, strength, and soul. We live our lives not only for this world but for heaven, and to live for all eternity to be with the Lord. John was truly God's faithful servant, an example for all of us. His example of living not only for this world but for heaven is something we need to aspire to as Christ's disciples. We ALL need to be Christ the Servant with the hope of the life to come.

St. John Neumann Parish 2023 High School Senior:

The St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus invite you to apply for a one-year, non-renewing, \$2,000 scholarship to the college or university of your choice.

The scholarship will be for use during the 2023-2024 academic year. Applications are open to any current high school senior who is a registered member of St. John Neumann Parish and who will be attending a college or university in studies during the 2023-2024 academic year. The selection committee will consider the following factors in choosing the recipient: parish involvement, character, financial need, volunteer or community activities, and a personal statement/essay (not to exceed 500 words) submitted by the applicant. Along with this personal statement/essay, you will also need a letter of reference from a school guidance counselor, school official, teacher, coach, employer, community activity leader or a volunteer or employee of St. John Neumann Parish who knows you well.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Completed applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2023. Mail completed applications to "Knights of Columbus Scholarship", 606 Heartland Ct, Sunbury, Ohio 43074. This scholarship will be awarded to the recipient by the Knights when a winner has been determined. The recipient's name will also be placed in the parish bulletin as the winner. ***If you are no longer a member of St. John Neumann, please call the Parish directly to have your mailing information removed from the database: 740.965.1358***

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please indicate the range of your family's adjusted gross income from the most recent Federal Tax Return:

- A. Below \$25,000 C. \$75,000-\$100,000 E. \$125,000-\$175,000
- B. \$25,000-\$75,000 D. \$100,000-\$125,000 F. Above \$175,000

Indicate the total number of people in your household, including parents and dependants:

- A. 1-3 B. 4-5 C. 6-7 D. Above 7

How many of these individuals will be enrolled in college in the Fall of 2023 (Including you)

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4 or more

High School: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

Institution you will be attending: _____

Please provide a brief description of your involvement in St. John Neumann Parish:

Please provide a brief description of school, community, or volunteer involvement:

Please attach a personal statement of 500 words or less, to assist the Committee in determining the Scholarship recipient.

Please attach a letter from a school guidance counselor, school official, teacher, coach, employer, community activity leader, or a volunteer or employee of St. John Neumann Parish, to assist the Committee in determining the Scholarship recipient.

I understand that this \$2,000 scholarship is for full-time college studies at accredited institution. I verify that the information I have supplied in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____