

# THE WILLIAM E. KELLY SCHOLARSHIP IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

*"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you  
as you are to them" - Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
(1931-2021)*



The scholarship is awarded annually to a student who is currently enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Catholic Studies at Assumption University. The scholarship recipient must possess a distinguished academic record overall, and evidence of community involvement. Evidence of financial need will also be considered.

## NAMESAKE

The scholarship is named in honour of the late Mr. William E. Kelly, born in 1898 and raised in a prominent Catholic family in Simcoe, Ontario. His education included an undergraduate degree from Assumption College, followed by a law degree from Osgoode Hall. Upon graduation he returned to Windsor, and for the next 37 years until his death in 1963 served his clients and the broader community with integrity and compassion, acting as crown prosecutor for 16 years. During the 40s, Catholic education became a particular focus for Mr. Kelly. To lend his voice to the push for more equitable funding in the system, he became a member of the Windsor Separate School Board, and president of the English Catholic Education Association. In the 50s, he was proud to serve as chairman of the Advisory Board of Holy Names College, a Catholic college for young women in Windsor, affiliated with Assumption, but housed off campus. There is no doubt that Mr. Kelly would be proud to once again have his name associated with Assumption University and Catholic education.

## HISTORY

The scholarship was established in 2022 by Mrs. Mary Clare Koopman in honour of her late father.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

Application Cover Letter  
Unofficial Transcript  
Resume

## VALUE

\$1,000.00  
(Canadian)

**SEND APPLICATION TO**  
[registrar@assumptionu.ca](mailto:registrar@assumptionu.ca)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
March 25, 2024 at 12pm