



## **Powers Catholic High School Daniel W. Cronin Scholarship Fund The “Danny” Fund**

The Daniel W. Scholarship Fund (The Danny Fund) is now accepting applications, and invites all interested students to apply for the upcoming academic school year. Through the generous support of Danny’s friends and family, we are offering an annual scholarship to a student who embodies the values he cherished most - devotion to faith and service to community. The Danny Fund is not just in honor of his memory, rather it serves as a continuation of his commitment to the City of Flint and to Powers Catholic.

Danny grew up on Chandler Street, and was the middle son of Don and Betty’s three boys. He attended grade school at St. Matthew’s, and was an altar server alongside his brothers during these years. Danny’s faith formation expanded during these early years, and many stories are told of the religious conversations he and his best friend, Craig, engaged in during the long summer days. .

Danny then attended Powers Catholic High School as a member of the class of 1976. He was one of the top three students in his graduating class, was on Student Government, sang in the choir, ran cross country, and was a part of the National Honor Society.

Following his graduation from Powers, Danny studied at Michigan State’s James Madison College, and earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

As a lawyer, Danny was inspired by the Flint community. With a young wife at his side, and a child on the way, Danny chose to practice law in Flint rather than in larger, more lucrative, legal markets. Known for his advocative zeal, Danny was widely respected in the local community as a bright, passionate, and up-and-coming attorney.

Danny was equally an active volunteer, which ultimately cost him his life. On November 4, 1986 - election night - he was returning home after volunteering with Judge Val Washington’s victorious campaign. A drunk driver was driving on the wrong side of the expressway at a high rate of speed, collided head-on with Danny’s vehicle, and he was killed instantly.

Only 28 at the time, Danny left behind his wife, Deidra, who was his college sweetheart, and infant daughter, Anne, who was only eight months old.

November of 2017 marked the thirty year anniversary of his passing His memory and legacy continue to this day. However, we remain inspired by all he was able to accomplish in such a short amount of time. We’re equally as inspired to see a Powers Catholic student continue his legacy of service and commitment to the City of Flint and the Powers Community.

## **DANIEL W. CRONIN SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Danny Fund was established to provide a scholarship for a student committed to service for the greater good of the Flint community as well as Powers Catholic High School. The ideal candidate is someone who lives their faith through service and the Cardinal Virtues of the Catholic Church. These virtues are prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.

- Demonstrated commitment to service of community, parish, and/or Powers Catholic High School
- Demonstration of Prudence (ability to do the proper thing at the proper time)
- Demonstration of Justice (seeks to promote fairness, equality)
- Demonstration of Temperance (ability to balance life - have fun but not cross the line towards sin)
- Demonstration of Fortitude (perseverance and courage during difficult times)
- Recipient has met all past financial obligations to Powers Catholic High School and is in good standing with no student or athletic probation.
- Review of student's transcripts and conversation with a Powers Catholic High School about the student's character

## **DANIEL W. CRONIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of \$1,000 for the academic school year at Powers Catholic High School. The award is to be used during the traditional academic year (fall through spring) for tuition.

The award is paid by reducing the total amount of tuition by the award at receipt of the scholarship. If the student withdraws from Powers Catholic High School, the scholarship amount is to be prorated over 12 months and the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited. Payment will be made from the Danny Fund directly to Powers Catholic High School. If the student receives the award for their freshman, sophomore, or junior year, they must reapply for the next school year. It is not automatically renewed for the following year.

## **DANIEL W. CRONIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Applicants are asked to submit the following documents for eligibility:**

1. A completed Student Data Sheet
2. One letter of recommendation from a principal, pastor, teacher, scout leader, coach or other community leader. The letter of recommendation should confirm the student and family's service to the respective parish, school or community. Students should allow at least two weeks for the letter of recommendation.
3. Compose a 1-2 page paper on one of the following topics:
  - o The importance of Catholic Education
  - o The importance of involvement in the Flint community
  - o How Catholic Education informs or inspires the applicant's involvement in the Flint community
  - o Qualities the applicant admires in a leader, and the steps the applicant takes to become a strong leader
  - o Select one of the Cardinal Virtues (Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude) and how the applicant has applied them in their life

\*Please do not staple application materials.

**Completed applications should be sent to the following address by May 1st:**  
**Powers Catholic High School**  
**Advancement Office**  
**c/o Daniel W. Cronin Scholarship**  
**1505 W. Court St.**  
**Flint, MI 48503**

### **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Selection of the scholarship recipient is based upon academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school, parish and community activities, statement of goals and aspirations, family circumstances, and the appraisal by a teacher, counselor, principal, priest, scout leader, or other community leader contained in the letter of recommendation.

Scholarship recipients are made solely by the Daniel W. Cronin scholarship committee at Powers Catholic High School. All applicants agree to accept the decision of Powers Catholic High School as final. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

Selection(s) will be made without regard to race or gender.

### **OBLIGATION OF RECIPIENTS**

Except as previously outlined, no obligations are to be imposed upon the student(s) as a scholarship recipient. Students are to notify the Daniel W. Cronin Scholarship committee of any changes in address, school enrollment or other relevant information.

A thank you letter to the Cronin family is requested within two weeks of your notification as the recipient.