



Powers Catholic High School Father Norman Anthony DuKette Scholarship

The Father Norman Anthony Dukette Scholarship was established in 2014 by the Rachor Family Foundation, Ltd. in recognition of Father Norman Anthony DuKette.

Christ the King Parish was founded in 1929 by Father Norman DuKette, the first black priest in the Diocese of Lansing. From its beginning the parish served the African American community while welcoming and embracing all peoples. DuKette Catholic School was named in honor of Father DuKette. He faithfully served the Flint community for more than 50 years until his death in 1980. His love for children inspired the ministry of the school.

Norman Anthony DuKette was born November 11, 1890 in Washington D.C. He was the 18th child among 27 siblings. His father was a government worker who, after the family moved to Detroit, sometimes leased horses and carts to the city for hauling. He also ran a grocery store to feed his large family. DuKette's mother was a domestic cook who took in sewing to supplement their meager income. While in Detroit, Norman DuKette met Rev. Joseph C. Wuest of Old St. Mary's Parish. He volunteered his services and assisted in organizing the city's first black mission, St. Peter Claver. Those were the first seeds of his vocation and call to serve as a priest. Encouraged by Rev. Wuest to pursue seminary studies Norman DuKette applied for the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church. He became the first black student at Loras Academy and College in Dubuque Iowa from which he graduated in 1922.

FATHER ANTHONY NORMAN DUKETTE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Financial Need

Applicant may be of Catholic or non-Catholic faith

Student has demonstrated high levels of integrity, honesty, and sportsmanship while participating in extracurricular

Recipient has met all financial obligations to their respective Catholic Elementary or Powers Catholic High School, if applicable

FATHER ANTHONY NORMAN DUKETTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award of \$1,000 for the upcoming 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. The scholarship amount is pro-rated over a 12 month period. Withdrawal from Powers Catholic will forfeit the remainder of the award.

FATHER ANTHONY NORMAN DUKETTE 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. Essay that explains what stands out to you about Father DuKette , or about St. Peter Claver, and why it is important to you to attend Powers Catholic High School

*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 Father Anthony Norman Dukette 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 Father Anthony Norman Dukette 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 Father Anthony Norman Dukette Scholarship committee of any changes in address, school enrollment or other relevant information..

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

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