



MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. RYLE FUND

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RYLE FUND OFFERS \$50,000 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP Application Deadline is April 1, 2011

PHOENIX, Arizona (February 21, 2011) - A graduate level scholarship valued at more than \$50,000 is being offered by a Phoenix based organization in hopes of extending the legacy of the late Monsignor Edward J. Ryle.

Applications for the 18- to 24-month scholarship for study at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry will be accepted through April 1, 2011, according to Dr. Bette DeGraw, interim president of the Monsignor Edward J. Ryle Fund.

The successful applicant will pursue a Master of Arts degree in Transformational Leadership, customized for the person seeking to help lead the world to a place of greater justice and more abiding peace.

The scholarship will cover tuition, room, board, and books for the chosen student during the course of study. After graduation the recipient will be required to work in Arizona for a minimum of two years in the area of public policy.

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A Catholic priest devoted to working tirelessly on behalf of the state's neediest and underserved, Monsignor Ryle spent two decades at the state Legislature advocating for the poor and the disadvantaged. He died in December 2005.

"We don't expect to ever find someone exactly like him but we know there are people out there who would like to follow in his footsteps," said Dr. DeGraw. "They are the reason we established this scholarship."

Scholarship applications are available at the fund's Web site, www.Rylefund.org.

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree and a grade point average of at least 2.75.

They also should have two years of relevant experience in such areas as social services, ministry or education.

The Fund is a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization that was founded to honor the memory and legacy of Monsignor Ryle who worked relentlessly on behalf of the Arizona's poor, the mentally ill, the incarcerated, the elderly and children. The Fund springs from the example of a lifetime of personal and public service to the people of Phoenix and the state of Arizona, especially the most vulnerable and the disenfranchised.

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