



# **Sr. Mary Denise Bernas** **SCHOLARSHIP**

*The Sister Mary Denise Bernas Volunteer Service Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman boy who achieves in volunteer service, exemplifies a life a true Christian presence, and commits to service of his school, parish and community. This scholarship will not adversely affect other financial assistance that the student may receive. The student must have applied for and be eligible for financial aid. The student must have and maintain a 3.0 "B" average and accumulate no less than 15 volunteer service hours.*

The Felician Congregation traces its roots to Sophia Truszkowska, who was born into a wealthy family on May 16, 1825 in Kalisz, Poland. Instilled with religious values and a sense of social responsibility early in life, she became increasingly distressed at the injustice and dismal economic conditions in her country. Shocked by bands of homeless children wandering in the streets of Warsaw, Sophia rented an apartment and began to care for them. She was soon joined by other women who shared her concern for the abandoned youngsters. On November 21, 1855, in the presence of Rev. Honorat Kozminski, a Capuchin Franciscan priest and Sophia's spiritual adviser, Sophia and her cousin dedicated their lives to God's service before the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa, thus officially establishing the congregation. As a consecrated religious woman, Sophia became known as Sister Mary Angela, and eventually Blessed Mary Angela. The people of Warsaw, observing the sisters and children often praying at the shrine of St. Felix of Cantalice in a nearby church, called them the "Sisters of St. Felix" or "Felicians."

## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

*Applications for the Sister Mary Denise Bernas Scholarship are due in the Admissions Office of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School by February 1, 2012.*

*A complete application must include:*

- The application form and completed essay
- The School/Parish/Community Volunteer Service Form
- Letters of recommendation from a supervisors of volunteer activities.
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family adult attesting to the student's volunteer service involvement.
- A copy of the student's most recent report card.

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**SR. MARY DENISE BERNAS SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

This application must be completed **by the student** applicant and signed by a parent/guardian.  
*All applications and supporting items must be received by February 1, 2012.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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**APPLICATION ESSAY:**

Sister Denise is living a life of joyful volunteer service, as a member of the incoming freshman class at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School discuss your volunteer service, as well as your opinion on why volunteerism is important?

*Attach your hand-written or typed essay on a separate 8½ x 11 sheet of paper and attach to this application page.*

*Be sure to include your name and current elementary school on your essay page.*

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**COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL APPLICATION ITEMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:**

Admissions Office · Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School  
1504 Woodcrest Ave. • Coraopolis, PA 15108

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**SR. MARY DENISE BERNAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
SCHOOL/PARISH/COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM**

Please list your parish/community service involvement. The list may include any service club, activity or organization that you have participated in during the past two calendar years. Examples are parish youth groups, volunteer work or other special community service projects. *Each activity must include an adult supervisor's name, phone number, and a brief description of the service and dates of involvement.*

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.**

Type of Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adult Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SR. MARY DENISE BERNAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP SERVICE FORM**

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Description of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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