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their time and their financial support to make this center a place of
holiness, strength and support for all who come through these doors.*

The Fr. Joe Quigley Scholarship Fund

Mark L. Sullivan, class of `69, with his generous gift of \$50,000, has established the Fr. Joe Quigley Scholarship Fund. One to three scholarships will be awarded annually to need-based undergraduate students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Campus looking for supplemental assistance with tuition, board, books, school supplies or other living expenses. To be eligible a student must have completed one year at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Campus, be in good standing with the University, have achieved or maintained at least a "C" average or its grade point equivalent, and must complete a questionnaire based on Fr. Quigley's personal history and his philosophy of life as expressed in his sermons and writings.

The questionnaire is not meant as a test. Rather it is intended to keep Fr. Quigley's memory and personal history alive and to pass on to future generations of students; Fr. Quigley's observations and philosophy of life (especially college life) and how one can grow and develop into a sterling man or woman if one will only do as much as one can reasonably do with the gifts given to him or her and then trust in God to help with the rest. It is meant as a fun exercise to make the student think about what matters in his or her life and provide useful incites on how to deal with the everyday stresses of being a student at a large university like UMass.

While preference in the awarding of the scholarship(s) will go to those who are Catholic, it is not a requirement that the recipient be a Catholic. Fr. Quigley never turned away someone in need because of his religion, and the

Selection Committee has been asked to follow in Fr. Quigley's steps. Mark also hopes that the scholarship will result in the recipient taking greater advantage of the many religious and social facilities of the Newman Center and will encourage participation in the student activities of the Newman Student Association. While such participation can greatly help alleviate the feelings of loneliness and isolation that Fr. Quigley saw as major impediments to a student's happiness and growth, participation in Newman Center activities is not a requirement for receiving a scholarship.

Initially the scholarship(s) will be in the amount of \$1,000-\$2,000, depending on the interest generated on the principal of the fund. As the scholarship fund increases it is anticipated that the amount and the number of the scholarship(s) will also increase. It is Mark's hope that over time the scholarships will grow to be a useful and meaningful contribution towards relieving the financial stress on a student and his/her family and cover more of a student's cost of attending UMass. A student who receives the scholarship in one year is eligible to receive it in subsequent years, as long as he or she meets the requisite financial and grade point criteria, remains in good standing at the University and completes the questionnaire.

The scholarship may be paid out in one or two installments as the Selection Committee may decide to best meet the financial needs of the recipient student. If made in installments, the payments are intended to coincide with the Fall and Spring Semesters of the Amherst Campus.

Each year prior to the Fall Semester, the Selection Committee will review the applications and consider who is most deserving of the scholarship based on the principals for which it was created and then it will be awarded accordingly. The recipient's names will be announced at Mass and posted on a plaque in the Newman Center to remind students of the scholarship's existence and to let those of us who knew and loved Fr. Joe, that his work is still being carried on in his name.