

PROVIDENCE

2025-2026 CARDINAL RITTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Our Lady of Providence High School

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In honor of Southern Indiana native Cardinal Joseph Ritter who attended St. Mary's School in New Albany and was instrumental in opening Catholic schools to children of all races, Our Lady of Providence High School offers this \$1,000 scholarship toward tuition at Providence, which is awarded to a number of students.

Name of Student: _____

Current School Attending: _____

Parents/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

email: _____

Note: This application form must be accompanied by a one-page typed essay of no more than 500 words and no fewer than 300 words which addresses the topic below. All applications must be signed and dated by at least one parent. Once submitted, all essays will be redacted for information that discloses the identity of the writer. Essays will be blindly evaluated by a committee which will rate the submissions for writing mechanics, content, and faith connection. Essays will be evaluated for AI composition. All essays determined to be written by heavy AI influence will not be accepted.

Submissions must be emailed to the President's Office to the attention of Danielle Luecke at dluecke@providencehigh.net by the end of Spring Break on **Sunday, March 22, 2026**. Each accepted submission will receive an acknowledgment of receipt by email reply by Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Late submissions will not be acknowledged or accepted.

The essay should address the following:

Cardinal Joseph Ritter fought for inclusion within the Catholic school system. The transition to a new freshman class at Providence is a time of significant social change for all 9th grade students. Some students will thrive effortlessly while others will struggle to integrate with their new peers and environment. How do you think the experience of coming into a new school with many new peers will affect you? While you are finding your own place at Providence, how might you engage your faith and use your own personal strengths to help create a culture of class unity and inclusion?

Parent Name and Signature

Date

School/Parish

Thank you for your participation.