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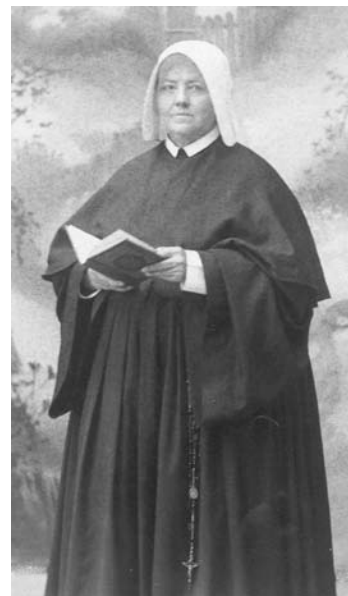
University of Saint Mary Establishes Full-Ride Sister Joanna Bruner Nursing Scholarship

'The Love of My Life was Care of the Sick'—Sister Joanna Bruner, SCL

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Thanks to the grand generosity of a Saint Mary supporter who would like to remain anonymous, the University of Saint Mary will be able to offer one deserving nursing student a potential full-ride scholarship this fall.

The Sister Joanna Bruner Scholarship at USM has been established to provide financial educational support for a candidate accepted to the University of Saint Mary Bachelor of Science in Nursing program offered at the main USM campus in Leavenworth. This scholarship will pay all educational expenses—including tuition and fees and room and board—that are not covered by federal or state grants or federal work study.

“We are thrilled to offer such a wonderful scholarship opportunity for a future nurse, and we are truly grateful to our magnanimous donor,” said Sister Diane Steele, president of the University of Saint Mary.



Sister Joanna Bruner

“The Sister Joanna Bruner scholarship dovetails nicely with many of the founding and guiding principles of Saint Mary,” President Steele added. “Nursing and education were two of the founding missions of our founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, and this scholarship continues that tradition. This generous scholarship also supports our time-honored belief that a quality Catholic education should be available to all no matter one’s socio-economic status.”

The Bruner Scholarship is named for Sister Joanna Bruner, one of the original pioneer Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. Born Clotilde Bruner, Sister Bruner was instrumental in the opening of St. John’s Hospital in Leavenworth and was the first trained nurse in the state.

Besides being the first woman in the Western territory to serve as administrator of a hospital, Sister Bruner played a major part in the development of the health care ministry of the Sisters of Charity by setting up a system to train the younger sisters as nurses.

The Bruner scholarship is open to new, transfer, and existing Saint Mary students. The recipient will have the scholarship for one academic year, renewable for up to a combined total of five academic years so long as certain requirements are met, including residing on campus and maintaining a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Potential candidates have until April 1, 2011, to apply. One scholarship is offered. As requested by the anonymous donor, preference will be given to candidates who come from foster care or residential care agencies or are graduating from Cristo Rey Kansas City, Mott Haven Academy Charter School, or Ozanam School.

Contact Ken Wuerzberger, USM's director of enrollment management, at (913) 758-6307 or Wuerzeberger53@stmary.edu for more information or to apply, or visit www.stmary.edu/scholarships. Visit www.stmary.edu to learn more about the Saint Mary nursing program.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

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