

Easter 2022

Dear Bishops

I write to follow up the announcement I made at the recent House of Bishops meeting concerning the reopening of St. George's College Jerusalem and the Hiltz scholarships. These scholarships are available to Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious and senior lay leadership.

Here are **some fund facts**. Since its inception in 2018 there have been

- **21 awards** in the amount of \$78765,
- Recipients include clergy and lay from **all 4 Ecclesiastical Provinces**
- **from 11 Dioceses** ( Sask., NewWest., BC, Fred, Mont, NSPEI, Huron, Algoma, Toronto, Ontario, and Calgary.)
- As it happens all who have applied have been awarded a scholarship.
- A **typical award is \$5000.00 Canadian**.

I took a quick look at the current 10-day course costs and air fare. Course costs are about \$3500 Canadian (\$2600 US) and economy Air Fare from Toronto about \$1500. I have not reviewed the costs from other major cities in Canada but will mention that there is an openness to increase the award maximum with respect to travel costs.

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