

MALLINCKRODT SCHOLARS

HISTORY

The Mallinckrodt Scholars Program advances the charism of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt and honors the mission of the Sisters of Christian Charity in a scholarship and service program at Loyola University Chicago through the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership. Pauline, the foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity, played a pioneer role in promoting and implementing practical solutions to the social problems of the 19th century. The Mallinckrodt Scholars Program will provide scholarships for undergraduate students who wish to engage in service which fosters peace and justice in today's society.

MISSION STATEMENT

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The Mallinckrodt Scholars Program is dedicated to developing leadership that

- appreciates the importance of education in improving moral and social conditions,
- gives evidence of courage, persistence and determination in pursuing peace and justice,
- recognizes the necessity of organization, communication, collaboration and respect in bringing about those changes that enhance the common good.

EXPECTATIONS

- Is enrolled full-time at Loyola with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester and maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Completes at least one course in the area of peace, justice or social concerns by the end of the sophomore year
- Exemplifies a spirit of service
- Participates in regular meetings and required activities
- Embraces the Mission Statement of the program
- Designs a "capstone" project which integrates scholarship, service and social justice to be presented in senior year.

Mallinckrodt Scholars Program - A New Venture

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Each Sister today is challenged to keep our heritage alive and vibrant for generations to come.

(SCC Region Chapter Document, 2012)

The above challenge is being taken up in a new and exciting way! Work is being done to establish the Mallinckrodt Scholars Program through the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership at Loyola University Chicago. The idea for such a program was brought to the Sisters of Christian Charity by Marge Noterman Beane and Julie Kuzera. Their goal is to establish an endowment fund to permanently sustain the program (MSP) as a way of keeping Mother Pauline's heritage alive at Loyola University with which the SCCs have had connections over the years.



MSP core group: Marge Beane, Julie Kuzera, Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, Jan Sisler and Kurt Peterson. Photo by Carol Coyne.

The idea took root after the regional leadership team, Marge and Julie met with Janet Sisler, the Director of the Gannon Center in mid-February, 2013. Jan explained the existing Gannon Scholars Program and magnanimously offered to take the new program under the wings of the Gannon Center. Marge, Julie, Jan and Sr. Mary Clement Eiden eventually became the core group that would spearhead the project.

The core group has met several times to compile lists of possible donors and to consider logistics. Loyola's Advancement and Development Team (through Kurt Peterson) has been most helpful. It is quite amazing that the first solicitation letter went out on August 19.

This letter was sent to those connected with the Sisters from "convent days". A second mailing went out in October to those associated with Mallinckrodt College: trustees, board members, faculty, alums.

The following mission statement was drafted to explain the Mallinckrodt Scholars Program to those who might wish to invest in this venture.

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It is hoped that the MSP will receive enough funding to begin offering scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Clement at 847-920-9341 or at sccmaryclement@hotmail.com.

Statue of Blessed Pauline hurrying to aid the poor by Kathleen M. Aucoin, SC.