



## The Joanne Chafe Memorial Bursary Application

Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators (WCCRE)

The WCCRE offers the Joanne Chafe Memorial Bursary to honour both Joanne's memory and her tireless work of supporting catechist formation in Canada.

The WCCRE wishes to provide a bursary to a lay person residing in western or northern Canada, who serves in catechetical ministry, and who wishes to pursue further formation.

Personal information:			
First name		Last name	
Mailing address			
Town or City		Province/Territory	Postal code
Home phone number	Work phone number		Cell phone number
Email address		Social Insurance Number (for tax receipt purposes)	
Education information:			
High school education taken at:			
Post-secondary education taken at these institutions:		Degree(s) achieved:	
Graduate-level education taken at these institutions:		Degree(s) achieved:	
Briefly describe the program you are going to be taking and whether it is a degree, certificate, or a course:			
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Institution offering program:		Duration of program:	
Do you meet the prerequisites for the program?		Are you taking the course for academic credit?	

If taking the course for credit, please indicate to which degree the course will apply:

Is this program being taken in-person fulltime, in-person part-time, or through distance education?

**How applicant is presently serving in catechesis:**

<p>I am serving as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> an educator / teacher</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> a parish catechist</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> an RCIA coordinator or leader</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> other _____</li></ul> <p>How long have you been serving in this role?</p>	<p>Outline briefly how this program will enhance your ministry?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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Bursaries received from other sources:

**References**  
Three letters of reference are required. References must include an address and contact information. One reference must be from your parish priest, and one from someone directly connected to your catechesis ministry. Please list the names and their relationship with you. Enclose all letters with your application.

Name of reference	Relationship to applicant
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Submit this application and three letters of reference to the following:

**WCCRE Bursary Committee  
622 Taché Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R2H 2B4**

Signature of applicant	Date
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## Joanne Chafe Memorial Bursary Application Requirements

1. Applicants must be actively pursuing studies aimed at catechetical ministry at either the parish or diocesan level in western or northern Canada.
2. Applicants must submit a minimum of three (3) reference letters, one of which must be the applicant's current parish priest and one of which must be from an individual who knows the person's involvement in catechetical ministry.
3. The intent is to offer the bursary annually; however, the financial means of the WCCRE will determine the availability of the bursary beyond 2012. A new application must be made each year that the bursary is available.
4. All else being equal, the bursary will be awarded to those who most need financial assistance.
5. As part of the discernment process, the WCCRE bursary committee members may choose to interview applicants in person or by telephone before a final bursary is awarded.
6. With advance written notice, the WCCRE may withhold or withdraw support from those applicants enrolled in ongoing programs where qualifications or situations may have changed.
7. Incomplete and inaccurate information provided by an applicant will result in denial of the application.

These requirements are subject to change without notice. All information provided by applicants will be held in strict confidence and used only to determine award of the bursary.

## Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators (WCCRE)

The Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators was founded in 1968 and seeks to ensure inter-diocesan and inter-eparchial cooperation in catechesis and evangelization. The WCCRE provides a forum for sharing the efforts of all catechists in western and northern Canada: in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut.

The WCCRE facilitates catechist formation in a variety of ways: by sharing vision and objectives among dioceses and eparchies, as well as views on specific topics such as the RCIA, youth ministry, and so on. The WCCRE attends to the formation of catechists at all levels: those working with adults, youth, children, family, seniors, and with special situations, mentalities and environments (see GDC, Part 4, Chapter III).

The WCCRE brings together for common benefit the experiences, undertakings and resources of the participants (see GDC, 268) in order to facilitate:

- Personal growth in faith
- Continuing education
- Exchange of ideas and resources
- Mutual support and sharing
- Cooperation to deal with common concerns related to catechesis in western and northern Canada.

The WCCRE communicates with the National Office of Religious Education (NORE), with the Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops (AWCB), and the Ukrainian Catholic National Catechetical Commission (UCNCC).

## Dr. Joanne Chafe

Joanne Chafe worked for 35 years with the National Office of Religious Education (NORE) of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). Since December 2000, she was the Director of NORE and Secretary of the English Sector Episcopal Commission for Catechesis (formerly the Commission for Christian Education). First working as a religious education coordinator with the Roman Catholic School Board in St. John's, Newfoundland, Joanne joined NORE in 1977. She held a master's degree in education with a specialization in religious education from Boston College, a master's in theological studies from the Atlantic School of Theology, and a doctorate in adult and continuing education from Columbia University. Joanne was passionately committed to adult learning and adult faith. Her experience, giftedness and passion were recognized worldwide. She tirelessly carried on the work of NORE and continued to support the Canadian bishops in their work around catechesis. Joanne was a great mentor to catechists across Canada and abroad—she consistently affirmed their good works and guided them to continuous creativity and excellence. She will be greatly missed.

At the invitation of the Holy See, Joanne attended the October 1997 International Congress in Rome for the promulgation of the revised *General Directory for Catechesis*. During her time at NORE, she served as President of the Religious Education Association of the United States and Canada and as President of the International Forum on Adult Religious Education.

Joanne died in Ottawa on February 17, 2012, at the age of 60.