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**Revitalize Catholic Identity
through Catholic Education**

**FOR
GRADUATE STUDIES
IN**

**CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL
LEADERSHIP**

**AT
AN OUT-OF-STATE
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

Made possible through a bequest
of Marie V. Gendron to the Adrian
Dominican Sister to advance
Catholic leadership in Florida

➤ **APPLYING FOR A GRANT**

Current principals and teachers who have been employed in the diocesan Catholic school system for a minimum of two years may apply for a **Project RICE – Revitalizing Catholic Identity** through Catholic Education grant. Grant applicants must be an active, practicing Catholic. This grant is to be used for study at a Catholic university that offers a Master's degree in Catholic Educational Leadership, or a Specialist degree in Catholic Educational Leadership

➤ **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

To begin the program in the summer of 2009 a **STATEMENT OF INTENT** is requested from the Superintendent of the Diocese or by e-mailing the Director of Project RICE at merenuat2@aol.com With the **STATEMENT OF INTENT** the grant applicant identifies the university of their choice and the degree they intend to pursue. His/Her current principal must sign the form. The **STATEMENT OF INTENT** is then sent to the *Superintendent of the Diocese* where the applicant is currently employed. The Superintendent

completes the form and forwards a copy to the Director of Project RICE.

➤ **SELECTION PROCESS**

Applicants who submit a completed Statement of Intent will be considered for grant funding based on acceptance by the Catholic university of his/her choice. The number of applicants for universities outside of Florida in each of the seven dioceses is made by the superintendents.

➤ **TIME LINE FOR GRANT**

Jan. 5 Statements of Intent due to Supt.
Jan. 9 Statements of Intent due to Director
Feb. 9 Supt. notified on status of out-of-state grant requests

➤ **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

Participants must agree to work in the diocesan Catholic school system while they are working on their degree and be given some administrative responsibilities during this time. There is a required three years of service after the degree is completed. If a position as a principal in a diocesan Catholic school is not available in the participant's area of residence the

participant may apply in another Florida diocese, take another position in a

diocesan Catholic school or apply as a principal in another Catholic school in the USA. Service is a contractual and binding agreement. If the participant does not spend three years in the diocesan Catholic school system he/she will be expected to refund part of the tuition as explained in the contract. All those receiving grant funds sign a contract.

➤ **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT**

The grant will award an applicant \$3,000. a year for three years towards the cost of a Masters degree in Catholic Educational Leadership. The superintendent will request the funds on behalf of the applicant. A check will be sent to the superintendent who will forward the funds to the university.

➤ **UNIVERSITY APPLICATION**

Applications for out-of-state Catholic universities are the responsibility of the participant and must be approved by the superintendent for grant funding.