



News Release

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**University of St. Thomas School of Theology  
Announces Comeaux Family Scholarship**

HOUSTON (June 11, 2007) - The Comeaux Family Scholarship, established in September 2006, will award up to \$2,000 to a qualified student who is preparing for parish ministry as a Director of Religious Education. This scholarship is open to applicants who will pursue a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS), Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MAT) or Master of Divinity (MDiv) at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology. Preference will be given to those persons already working in a parish in lay ministry who seek to become lay ecclesial ministers in parishes in the Galveston/Houston Archdiocese.

“The School of Theology is grateful that the Comeaux family has established this scholarship to assist students who plan to serve the church in the catechetical ministry,” said Dr. Sandy Magie, dean of the School of Theology. “Catechists play an essential role in every parish – they organize opportunities at every level so that parishioners can deepen their understanding of the faith.”

Anne Comeaux has served the Church as a catechetical leader for almost 30 years. “I have a passion for parish religious education: the parishioners, the catechists, the directors of religious education, the programs, the whole thing,” Comeaux said. I have never been one to be passive about my passion so most people know how I feel about this ministry. One of the challenges involved in being a well formed catechetical leader is cost of obtaining a master’s degree in theology or pastoral studies at a Catholic university,” said Comeaux.

Those interested must first apply for admission to UST’s School of Theology at St. Mary’s Seminary. Visit [www.stthom.edu](http://www.stthom.edu) and click on “Schools and Centers for Excellence” to find the theology graduate programs. Once an application is submitted, applicants should contact Jan-Louison Abasolo at 713-525-2174 regarding the scholarship application, which has an Oct. 15 deadline. Archdiocesan employees are excluded from consideration for this scholarship.

“The original sum has grown over the past few months because now our children make donations to the scholarship fund in our names for birthdays, Mothers' Day, Christmas and other occasions,” said Comeaux. “We are not wealthy people but we have been blessed in many ways throughout our lives. This is something important to us, and we hope it will ease part of the financial difficulty for those who will be DREs in the future.”

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