

No matter where my journey has taken me, Nativity Parish has always been by my side. This is especially the case throughout my academic journey. Nativity Parish highly values education and instills this value upon the youth of the parish. There are many ways in which the parish has provided educational support, but perhaps one of the most significant types of support offered is the scholarship begun by Fr. Singer. This scholarship provides financial support for students attending college, which can go towards expenses such as textbooks and various types of instruments needed to have a successful school year. Having been a recipient of the scholarship myself, I can attest that these funds have been of great support to me during my academic journey, especially while attending the University of Michigan. During my time there, I majored in Classical Languages and Literature. This particular discipline entails purchasing a plethora of books, many of which are rather expensive due to either their rarity or the fact that they are out of print. It was not unusual to have to purchase upwards of fifteen books in a semester, and it was mandatory for me to have possession of many of these books, since I would not be able to conduct fruitful research without them. The Fr. Singer Scholarship allowed me to purchase these books, especially when I was writing my Senior Honors Thesis at the University of Michigan and preparing to attend graduate school for ancient history. Had it not been for the scholarship, I would not have been able to purchase many of the books needed to write a successful thesis, which ultimately opened the doors for me to pursue a PhD in Classics and History at Yale University. Overall, I am forever grateful for the scholarship and all of the support Nativity has given me. Because of Nativity, I have been able to pursue my lifelong dream of becoming a professor. With their support and the value of education instilled upon me, I feel like I can accomplish any of the goals I set out to achieve.