

### **Fr. Tom Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Fr. Thomas N. Cerulo, a member of the Roman Catholic order of Trinitarian Priests, affectionately known as Fr. Tom, was my brother, who was taken away from us way too soon in 2011. Tom was a hard-working priest devoted to his community and congregations. You would often find Tommy with a brush and bucket of water scrubbing floors right next to the sisters and his maintenance team. There was no task too small or too large for Tom. The beautiful part of Tom, and there were many, was his acceptance of all people. For a Catholic priest, he made no judgements on anyone's life choices. Everyone was invited to worship in his church and everyone was welcomed in his heart. He inspires me every day to be a good person and to try in some small way to carry on his work of giving back.

In honor of Tommy, AdNet has started the Fr. Tom Memorial Scholarship, given to a student who has already started college and seeks Tuition assistance. Often, it is after Freshman year that availability of financial aid is hard to find or a family's financial status changes thus impacting a student's ability to continue with school. I remember what that was like and all the hoops I had to jump through to fund the second half of my college years. When these types of obstacles come up, it stops kids dreams right there. For that reason, we are awarding a \$1,000 scholarship for a qualifying student.

Eligible students must be from a diverse community within the State of Maryland. The criteria are that they must maintain a 3.0+ GPA and demonstrate a strong work ethic. A resume, transcript and essay must be submitted. The essay must outline clearly the students journey, reason for need and future goals. Please contact Betsy Cerulo at 410-715-4035 or [bcerulo@adnetp3.com](mailto:bcerulo@adnetp3.com) for more information.