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## **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FOUNDATION CREATES CARDINAL DOLAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**NEW YORK, NY, February 1, 2018** – The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade Foundation has created the Cardinal Dolan Scholarships for students in New York Archdiocesan schools associated with the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Three partial scholarships will be awarded to students selected by the Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York. One scholarship will go to a high performing student; another will go to an average student and a third will go to a special needs student.

The Cardinal Dolan Scholarships are in addition to the scholarships provided by the Board of Directors of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The 2018 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade is dedicated to Catholic education and to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Good Friday Accords. Timothy McNiff Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, will serve as an Aide-at-Large to Grand Marshal Loretta Brennan Glucksman, joining 13 Aides selected by the Parade's participating organizations in recognition of their outstanding service to the Irish-American Community of New York.

"I am grateful to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Foundation for its generous support of Catholic education. I myself received my grammar school education from Mercy Sisters from Drogheda, Ireland, who helped nurture my priestly vocation. May these new scholarships help to inspire young men and women to be all that God calls them to be," said Cardinal Dolan.

"Catholic education has been a mainstay of the Irish-American community and supporting this education is a critical component of the mission of the St. Patrick's Day Foundation," said Foundation Chairman Hilary Beirne. "We want to thank Cardinal Dolan for his support in this mission and thank Dr. Timothy McNiff and his entire team at the Archdiocesan Schools for the great work they do preparing the next generation.

"For nearly 220 years, our Catholic schools have offered an outstanding education of the heart, mind, and soul for the children of our city and state, guided by the spirit and example of St. Patrick, the patron saint of our archdiocese," said Dr. Timothy McNiff.

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“We are honored that the St. Patrick’s Day Foundation and Chairman Beirne have partnered with us to showcase the profound difference our Catholic schools make in the lives of countless students. The generous scholarship they have bestowed will allow even more children to receive the lifelong gift of Catholic education,” Dr. McNiff added.

### **St. Patrick’s Day Foundation**

The mission of the St. Patrick's Day Foundation is to support the New York St. Patrick’s Day Parade and related activities, and to celebrate the contributions of the Irish to American society, with student scholarships, educational initiatives, publications and an ambitious year-round program of social and culture events.

### **Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York**

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York serve 68,000 students from Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade across 217 schools in Manhattan, The Bronx, Staten Island and Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, Orange and Dutchess Counties. Archdiocesan schools offer a unique combination of academic and spiritual development that empowers children of all backgrounds to gain the confidence to realize their fullest potential. To learn more about the Archdiocese of New York’s Catholic schools, visit [www.catholicschoolsny.org](http://www.catholicschoolsny.org) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsArchdioceseNewYork).

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St. Patrick's Day Foundation Chairman Hillary Beirne (left), Timothy Cardinal Dolan and Dr. Timothy McNiff.

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