

*Champion, Comforter, Friend*



Introducing the  
**Bishop William G. Curlin  
Scholars Program**

at



**Belmont Abbey**  
COLLEGE

# *Sentire Cum Christo*

*Champion of the poor, comforter of the sick and the dying, friend and confessor of Mother Teresa, Bishop Emertius William G. Curlin preached the love of Jesus Christ during his 60 years of priestly ministry, first in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. and then for twenty-three years in the Diocese of Charlotte as its third bishop.*

*During his time in the Diocese of Charlotte, Bishop Curlin developed significant ties with the Belmont Abbey monastic and college community. He was buried in the Belmont Abbey cemetery in January 2018.*

*Bishop Curlin's Episcopal motto Sentire Cum Christo - to have in you the mind of Christ - closely aligns with the mission of Belmont Abbey College, which is to form its students in the mind of Christ through an education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition, directed towards seeking the Truth and grounded in service to others. Imbued with the mind of Christ, the Bishop Curlin Scholars will follow his example of speaking the truth in love and the compassionate evangelization of our culture.*



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*Learn. Seek. Thrive.* Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition, we are forging a future steeped in excellence and virtue. We call each student to learn about themselves, seek the truth, and thrive as a blessing to themselves and the world around them.



*The mission of the College is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. In this endeavor, we are guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning. Exemplifying Benedictine hospitality, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others.*

## **EXTENDING BISHOP CURLIN'S LEGACY**

The Board of Trustees and the monastic and college community of Belmont Abbey wishes to honor Bishop Emeritus William G. Curlin, in recognition of his inspirational life and service to the Catholic Church and society.

### **Establishing the Curlin Scholars**

The College seeks to train young Catholic leaders in Bishop Curlin's legacy of service by establishing the Bishop William G. Curlin Scholars Program beginning in Fall 2020. Over the next four years, the College anticipates having the Bishop Curlin Scholars Program built out with a full complement of 100 students.

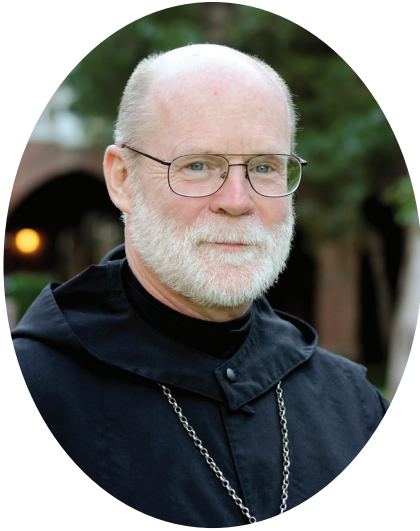
Belmont Abbey College wishes to honor this remarkable man with this prestigious scholarship program to not only memorialize him, but to extend his legacy of love well beyond his years here on earth. This Program will be one of the most prestigious and generous scholarship programs at Belmont Abbey College designed to integrate themes of service into academic formation.



## A Philanthropy-Driven Effort

While the Board of Trustees has committed to offer this scholarship in perpetuity to honor Bishop Curlin, this is a very philanthropy-driven effort being undertaken by the College. To support the College's plans to train young Catholic leaders in Bishop Curlin's legacy of service, Belmont Abbey has recently launched a fundraising effort to seek philanthropic investment to secure the initial program investment of \$2.5M as well as to encourage legacy giving to help endow the program over time.





## A Message from Abbot Placid Solari, O.S.B. Chancellor, Belmont Abbey College

*In my conversations with people about Bishop Curlin, I have heard so many reflections and special memories shared about the kind of person he was. I ask you to reflect a moment on how you may have known Bishop Curlin or Fr. Bill as he was known in his earlier days starting out as a young priest.*

*You and your family may have been parishioners at one of his earliest parishes in the Arcdiocese of Washington where he pastored; you may have travelled on pilgrimage to Lourdes with him and been at the faucets where Bishop Curlin offered special blessings; he may have offered you pastoral advice or just offered a kind, listening ear that helped to get you through a troubling time; you or a family member may have been visited by Bishop Curlin during a very difficult period of sickness or hardship; or you may have heard him recount one of his miraculous stories or his times with Mother Teresa.*

*There are countless amazing stories about Bishop Curlin. At Belmont Abbey, we have our own stories about Bishop Curlin too. He thought Belmont Abbey was a special place and visited with us often. When Bishop Curlin came to Charlotte, he came to what was still a missionary diocese. Through the Curlin Scholarship, we want to preserve his legacy and his memory, and support Catholic higher education at the only Catholic college between northern Virginia and Florida. We are reaching out and working to engage people like you to help us launch this scholarship in his honor. We hope you will be inspired to help us and consider finding a way to build this into your own personal philanthropy, and perhaps even consider making a legacy gift to help with the longer term endowment support needed.*

*On behalf of Belmont Abbey, we ask you to please give prayerful consideration of our invitation for support of this worthwhile endeavor. God Bless.*

*With my humble gratitude and thanks,*

*Abbot Placid Solari, OSB  
Abbot, Belmont Abbey Monastic Community  
Chancellor, Belmont Abbey College*

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

Bishop Curlin touched thousands upon thousands of lives through his pastoral care and love. Preserving his remarkable legacy presents a special opportunity to help bring the mind of Christ to our broader culture through future Curlin Scholars. Please join us in fulfilling this inspiring vision for training the next generation of Catholic leaders in Bishop Curlin's legacy of service. This new service-based scholarship presents an inspirational opportunity to deepen the connection to the importance of service to others and will have a tremendous impact on many more lives, further endearing so many more to Bishop Curlin.

### *To Make A Gift*

Gifts at all levels to the Bishop Curlin Scholarship will be gratefully received and stewarded by Belmont Abbey College. Gifts can be made as one time or over three to five years and may take the form of cash, funds from a donor advised fund, securities, property, or other assets. Opportunities exist for making major gift (\$25,000+) and for estate and legacy giving.

#### Curlin Scholars Gift Levels:

- \$25,000 and up
- \$10,000
- \$5,000
- \$1,000
- \$500
- Up to \$499

All pledges and gifts to support the Bishop William G. S Scholars program at Belmont Abbey College and are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please make checks payable to:

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