



Deadline:
March 15, 2024

Bishop Brossart High School

Tina Verst Memorial Scholarship Essay:

Scripture Reflection - Fruits of the Spirit

Student Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Tina Verst was a radiant and dynamic 7th and 8th grade teacher at St. Philip School from the year 2000 to 2012. She will always be remembered for her perseverance, love for giving, and dedication to her classroom. Tina believed strongly in all her students. She strove to instill a level of student confidence that transitioned into excellent achievement. In addition to her work as a teacher, she served the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, helped found the St. Philip Math Counts and Academic Team programs, and contributed to the development of the Chess & Archery Clubs. Tina was also proud to help with the coordination of an annual St. Philip Walk for Life in support of the New Hope Center. In 2010 she was honored with the Toyota Collaborative Business in Education Award. To commemorate the memory of our lost veterans, she secured a grant for the repair of the long dormant belfry light in the church bell tower. Perhaps one of her fondest activities was a class project to record and document WWII stories of a local veteran. The collection can be found in the St. Philip library. Tina was able to give much of herself to a community she grew to love.

Essay Instructions:

"St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians lists 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
(Galatians 5:22-23). The tradition of the Catholic Church adds the additional Fruits of goodness and modesty to St. Paul's list.

While the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are bestowed upon us and remain in us, the Fruits of the Spirit are gifts for us to develop, nurture, and grow in our effort to conform to the image of Christ. The Fruits are perfections that, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are continuously enhanced within us. Choose 2-3 fruits that you have been able to grow, aided by your experience at St. Philip. Explain how your experience at St. Philip has helped enhance and develop these particular Fruits of the Spirit within you. Experiences can be from the classroom, parish events, school sports, volunteer activities, or any parish/school organized activity. Cite examples that you remember remaining with you and continuing to help you. Then explain how you've thoughtfully used those enhanced fruits toward your expression of Christ-like virtues in and around the St. Philip community.

Please type and print your essay on a separate sheet of paper, and staple it to this cover page. Avoid including your name or other identifying information in the essay. Submit your cover page and essay in person to Bishop Brossart H.S. by the deadline listed above. **Open to all St. Philip students registered to attend Bishop Brossart High School.**
