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WHO WAS ST BASIL THE GREAT?

One of the three Cappadocian Fathers, Basil was a noted teacher of the early Church. Basil had a lasting impact on Eastern monasticism, built churches, hospitals and hostels for the poor.

OPPORTUNITIES

The Saint Basil Scholarship Fund helps individuals and churches to deepen their appreciation for their own Anglican spirituality and tradition and to gain an awareness of the breadth of the Christian Faith through exposure to members of the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Assyrian Church of the East.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HAVING ONE OF OUR SCHOLARS SPEAK TO YOUR PARISH?

St Basil Scholars may be available to speak to your congregation. You may wish to hear the perspective of Anglicans who have studied abroad or hear Oriental Orthodox speak of their own Church. Contact AFC to arrange a speaker for a presentation.



THE SCHOLARSHIP of SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

Established 1991

WHAT IS THE ST BASIL SCHOLARSHIP?

The Saint Basil Scholarship provides grants to study abroad to seminarians, clerics, and members of religious orders who wish to deepen the relationship between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Oriental Orthodox Churches, and the Assyrian Church of the East. The Scholarship is awarded to Anglicans to study abroad and to Oriental Orthodox scholars to study in Canada.

THE ST BASIL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS

- The Anglican Church of Canada
- The Armenian Apostolic Church in Armenia and Lebanon
- The Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt
- The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
- The Syrian Orthodox Church of Syria and South India
- The Malankara Orthodox Church of South India
- The Catholic Assyrian Church of the East
- Eritrean Orthodox Church

HISTORY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP



The Scholarship was established by Henry Hill, former Bishop of Ontario, out of his on-going concern for deepening Christian friendship between Canadian Anglicans and members of the Eastern

Orthodox Churches. This concern was made stronger in the early 1980s when he visited all the Oriental Orthodox Churches as the representative of Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury. The Scholarship was established with a gift from the late Bishop Henry Hill, and has been generously supported by donors who share his vision of increased communion between these branches of the Christian Church. Since its inception in 1991 seven scholarships have been awarded; four to members of the Oriental Orthodox Churches, and three to Canadian Anglicans.

HOW DOES THE CHURCH BENEFIT?

Saint Basil Scholars have a unique opportunity to enrich their spiritual lives by immersing themselves in another dimension of the Christian life. But it is not only the Scholars who benefit. Wherever the Scholars worship, study, and live, there is an exchange of ideas and experiences, which enables Christians to appreciate the diversity that exists within the Body of Christ. When the Scholars return home they are better equipped to lead others to discover the fullness of the witness to Jesus Christ. What appears at first to divide people, differences in race, culture, theology, is revealed to be an expression of the breadth of God's grace to the world. St Basil Scholars have an opportunity to influence their communities in positive ways, encouraging a more ecumenical spirit and sharing the diversity of the Christian church.

If you have come in friendship, then perhaps we can learn to trust one another, and to share those things which are most important to us: our prayer and our faith in action.

– Oriental Orthodox Bishop

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