



Notre Dame Center for Liturgy Student Research Grants!

In celebration of our 55th Anniversary, the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy is offering **research grants of up to \$5,000** for Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students interested in proposals related to cultivating worshipful wonder among children in a digital age.

Funding is provided through the generosity of the Lilly Endowment Inc. via the Contours of Wonder initiative in the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2025

Research Proposal Topics

- **Liturgy, worship, and awe:** What is the role of nature, art, architecture, and music in cultivating the capacity of awe and wonder in children?
- **Liturgical worship, children, and the Christian tradition:** What models exist for forming children in liturgical worship in the Christian tradition? Where are their deficiencies? What needs to change?
- **Digital childhood and worship:** How do we cultivate a desire and capacity for worship among children immersed in digital life? How can we prepare young children for the sacraments in this context?
- **Childhood, trauma, and worship:** For those children who have experienced trauma, what kind of religious formation might help the child experience healing?
- **Children, worship, and neuroscience:** What can we learn from neuroscience about the kind of liturgical-sacramental formation children must receive to learn to worship God?
- **Children and exceptionalities:** What possibilities exist for the formation of children with exceptionalities or intellectual disabilities for participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church?

For more topics and application details visit mcgrath.nd.edu/contoursgrant

Application At a Glance

- Open to students enrolled at the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, or Holy Cross College.
- Online application, 500-750 word project proposal, itemized budget proposal, resume or CV.
- Up to \$5,000 to fund transportation, lodging, meals, conference fees, and other fees for domestic and international research.
- **Questions?** Contact Lesley Kirzeder at lkirzede@nd.edu or 574-631-0152.

