



To The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, *The Nuns of the Above* are our ancestors, our elders. They are Sisters who have walked the journey before us, living and loving, laughing playfully and fighting fiercely. Gone now but never forgotten, they are with us still, walking beside us, guiding us as we stumble through our own journeys.

Some *Nuns of the Above* are fellow Russian River Sisters whom we have known and worked beside, loved and lost. We think of them often and we miss them dearly. The needs of our community are great and there are times when we are at a loss in how to proceed with an issue, but the answers come when they are needed. We see their faces, we hear their voices and we feel their presence as they come to our hearts and minds to give us guidance... whether it be a memory, a thought or a gentle nudge in a certain direction.

There are also *Nuns of the Above* who are Nuns of Legend, founders of The International Sisterhood. In the early years they worked by trial and error with passionate hearts to prepare a foundation for us to follow. They laid a ground-work for us, a model for future ministries to be built upon. Through their work the Sisterhood was expanded and spread around the world. By keeping all of their collective memories alive we continually learn from their examples, examples good and bad or hilarious and heartbreaking, but still rich in lessons to be learned. The re-telling of their stories becomes lessons of life for those willing to listen. Lessons of lives once lived, of ravaged bodies soothed, of broken hearts mended and of fractured communities united.

Scholarships are available for high potential students of el Molino High School District regardless of GPA. The Russian River Sisters are far more concerned with providing assistance to students who will take their education forward in a positive and enlightened manner. We lovingly dedicate the *Nuns of the Above Scholarship Program* to the memories of the transitioned members of our order:

***Nuns of the Above Scholarship of \$1000 for the new or returning student entering any field who best embodies and embraces the ideals of the Nuns of the Above***

Students who submit scholarship applications through el Molino High School District or the SRJC re-entry program will be deemed eligible for the Nuns of the Above Scholarship.

***Fr Diesel Dogma Scholarship of \$650 for a student in the El Molino High School District***

Father Diesel Dogma was a founding member of the Russian River Sisters. He was a lovely young man who truly wanted to help make our community a better place to live. Although struggling with the virus himself, Fr. Diesel worked tirelessly for issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. Fr. Diesel and his life partner Guard Trouser Mouse relocated to Sedona Arizona. Once there he was dismayed by the amount of ignorance surrounding transmission of HIV/AIDS and other STDs. He vowed to make a difference and towards this endeavor the pair created the first safer sex awareness outreach program in their area. They were instrumental in the creation of similar programs in the cities of Phoenix, AZ and Albuquerque, NM.

*The Russian River Sisters condemn all forms of bullying!*

### **Fr Butch Whacker Scholarship of \$650 for a student in the El Molino High School District**

Father Butch Whacker joined the Sisters later in life, after retiring from a military career as a contractor member of the US Navy. As a member of the Sisters, Fr. Butch was alarmed by the growing numbers of community members who were not being reached by safer sex messages. He was particularly concerned about the rising HIV/AIDS rates among migrant farm workers and young straight adults. Fr. Butch took over our safer sex awareness program and expanded it to include outreach towards these new sources of concern. He worked tirelessly to see that condoms and safer sex info were available in a non-judgmental manner. He said all the years of work would be worth it if he could help prevent just one person from becoming infected with HIV/AIDS.

### **Sr Maryposa Flutterby Scholarship of \$650 to students in transition or re-entering academic study**

Sister Maryposa Flutterby was a novice member of the Russian River Sisters. Born in the body of a man, Sr. Maryposa lived a life of enormous struggle, coming to grips with his gender incompatibility. As a man, he served his country in the Viet Nam conflicts, and later worked as a construction worker and carpenter. In the last three years of her life, Sr. Maryposa was living as a woman in preparation for sex reassignment surgery. She patiently guided us through understanding some of the enormous issues that so many others like her are struggling with. Her life was not an easy life, but she never gave up. She chose to live openly and courageously in a small community that often didn't understand her struggle. She was active in the transgender community and also moderator of transgender online discussion boards.



### ***Vows of the Russian River Sisters:***

**I hereby promise, cross my heart and hope to die,  
that I will forever uphold the love and spirit  
of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.**

**I will dedicate myself to the promulgation of universal joy  
And the expiation of stigmatic guilt.**

**I will be considerate of how my words and actions affect others.**

**I will strive diligently to keep a sense of humor,  
And to never take myself so seriously  
That I forget to have fun.**

**Amen, and Awomen!**

## Nuns of the Above Scholarship Application for 2012-13

**Supplemental Questionnaire must be filled out by each applicant.** Check the scholarships for which you are applying:

Nuns of the Above     Father Diesel Dogma     Father Butch Whacker     Sister MaryPosa Flutterby

1. The Russian River Sisters condemn bullying. Please describe an instance where you made a stand for someone else:

2. (VOWS) Each Sister of Perpetual Indulgence makes a lifetime commitment to uphold the vows of the order. What do the Sisters' vows mean to you?

3. Who is your favorite role model and why?

4. What type of community service do you find most gratifying and why? Alternatively, please tell us about the community service you wish you had done now that you know you should have...

**Bonus question:** In these trying times, to which of the following would you turn in your attempt to save the world? Circle the best option.

**A.** Glitter    **B.** Rhinestones    **C.** A good education    **D.** Nuns of the Above

I hereby promise, cross my heart & hope to die, that all of the above is true.

Student's Name/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2012**

***El Molino students:* Please turn this form in to Debbie Demeduc in the Counselor's Office.**

***SRJC re-entry students:* Please fill out the SRJC Foundation 2012-13 Continuing Student Application and turn it in together with this form at the Scholarship Office in Plover Hall. Disbursement in Jun**