



## **C.J. Smith Ministry Internship** **New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries**

C.J. Smith grew up in Starlight, Indiana and was an active youth leader in his parish youth program. He was an officer for his parish CYO as well as vice president of the deanery youth council. C.J. was a shining example of leadership, service and courage. He passed away in 1975 during his young adult years; but not before his family and friends realized the enormous impact he had on others by the way he lived his life and his faith.

### **What is the C.J. Smith Internship**

This fellowship is a paid fellowship awarded to a Catholic young adult each year as a way of encouraging young adults to consider a lifelong career/vocation in youth or young adult ministry or other helping professions that work with youth - teaching, social work, counseling, etc.

### **What would I do**

The recipient of this internship would be directly involved in youth & young adult programs in the New Albany Deanery, located in Harrison, Clark, and Floyd counties of Southern Indiana. They would work alongside the staff in planning and facilitating our summer programming both for youth and young adults, learning the processes involved in ministry work from a dynamic standpoint.

### **Who would mentor me and supervise my work**

The fellowship is administered by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. The director and staff of NADCYM would offer direct supervision and training within the internship.

### **Term of Service**

The summer internship will begin May 14, 2018 and end August 10, 2018. Weekly hours will be set and may be adjusted depending on the programming that is scheduled.

### **Requirements**

Catholic young adults who will have finished their first year of college by this summer. Recipients should be pursuing work or studies related to ministry or helping professions like teaching, counseling, social work, etc.

### **Benefits**

A \$5000 paid fellowship will be awarded to your school for education, for room and board expenses. Work experience in ministry with skills and references that can assist in future ministry or helping profession jobs. \$4500 is paid directly to your college and \$500 is paid directly to you throughout the internship to cover some travel expenses.

### **Application Deadline: March 7, 2018**

Applications may be sent to Catholic Youth Ministries Office, c/o C.J. Smith Fellowship Application, 101 St Anthony Dr, Mt St Francis, IN 47146. Or you may email your application to [philip@nadyouth.org](mailto:philip@nadyouth.org)

**For questions, contact the CYM office at 812-923-8355.**

In preparing your application, please read the following journal entry from C) Smith. C) kept a journal the last few years of his life as he documented his journey with cancer and how his faith was challenged and tested. He also shared life and how his relationship and understanding of God grew as well.

An excerpt from the journal of C. J. Smith, Jr.

June 21, 1974

Tonight I'm writing to record what must be a minor miracle. For the past 2 months I have felt so physically and mentally low that I couldn't remember what feeling good was like. At 18, I feel worthless, futureless, and worst-of-all, faithless. But a couple of nights last week I went outside late at night and I talked to God. Notice I didn't say prayed to Him, but talked. I have always felt that I would have to accept whatever He has in store for me, but I never really understood this until last week. I also have always felt that you have to meet His plans head-on and deal with them as best you can, but I understood this better last week, too.

I had begun looking to God as someone who set down a plan without any consideration for the person involved, but I know better now. In the talk I had with God, I tried to explain my feelings about the things that are happening to me and somehow at the time I felt I was getting a response. I felt I was communicating. As if He is answering my pleas Himself, things have changed for me lately. I'm suddenly feeling better than I have in months.

I know all of this may end tomorrow, but it has served as a reinforcement of my faith. Faith is something very hard for me to talk about, but I know if you can keep strong in your faith, everything else holds together easily. I am being totally honest when I say I depend of my faith.

Wow. I'm getting into some heavy stuff. I've thought very, very much about my faith and could write pages and pages about it. I think to sum up all my feelings about it all I need to say is that I believe in God, I trust Him, and I find hope in Him. When you boil it all down, faith is actually a very simple thing.

## C.J. Smith Fellowship Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ H.S. Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail* \_\_\_\_\_

College, University or Trade School attending (or plan to attend) and current grade level.

\_\_\_\_\_ Major/Minor of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### Please list 2 references

Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**On a separate page, please answer the following questions  
Typed responses are preferred**

1. List recent Church and volunteer involvement.
2. List recent Church or Youth Ministry leadership roles.
3. What career/vocation plans do you have after completing your degree, and why?
4. Describe your motivation or interest in receiving the C.J. Smith Internship.
5. Describe your relationship with Jesus and the Church.
7. Describe the gifts, talents, or skill sets you have that would be beneficial to Catholic Youth Ministries both in an event/trip/retreat setting and office setting.
7. What questions do you have for us?