

## NAMASTE\* FUND APPLICATION FORM

Loretto Maryholme Spirituality Centre maintains a **bursary fund** as part of its ministry to encourage the personal growth of women especially through education and spiritual reflection. We view these elements as formative in the development, health, and transformation of the whole person. Those who do not have the financial resources to participate in programs that are offered or supported by the Centre are invited to apply.

*\*Namaste - a prayer greeting that recognizes the Divine presence in oneself and in others.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the name and date of the program for which you are seeking a bursary?

2. Tell us something about yourself and what you hope to receive from this program.

3. What is the amount you are seeking? \_\_\_\_\_

[An amount that is 2/3 or more of program costs has a volunteer commitment component (4-8 hours). The time and type of volunteer work will be mutually agreed upon by the participant and the Centre.]

4. How did you learn about this bursary fund?

5. Name a person with contact information who can act as a reference.

6.

7. Please add any other information that may be helpful.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Beginning of the Namaste Fund**

Over the years individuals have enquired, due to financial circumstances, whether there was a way they could attend programs at a lower cost. On the occasion of Sr. Jane McDonnell's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in October 2014 Loretto Maryholme Spirituality Centre set up the Namaste Fund with generous donations given at this celebration and with subsequent contributions.

In keeping with the spirit and charism of Mary Ward, founder of the Loretto Sisters of The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (IBVM), this initiative puts into action the values and desires expressed in the Constitutions of the IBVM Loretto Sisters.

*"In a world of inequality and oppression we stand with those exploited in any way by unjust systems and structures. Of particular concern to us are injustices that prevent women and men from becoming fully and freely the human persons God created them to be." C2.8*

*"Care of faith and education remain central to our tradition. Whether we work in justice, welfare, spiritual, academic, youth or other ministries, we bring the witness of faith and spirituality and the freedom of education to whatever we do." C2.10*

The Centre gratefully appreciates the ability to offer financial assistance to those who need it.

Further donations are welcomed and requested. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts \$20 or more.

Please contact us at 905 476 4013 to make a credit card payment, or send a cheque payable to Loretto Maryholme Spirituality Centre.

*Thank you*