

**REV. JOSEPH CARRA EDUCATION FUND
DIRECTORS' REPORT
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The Rev. Joseph Carra Education Fund, established in May 1992 in commemoration of the late Rev. Joseph Carra (P.I.M.E.), a prominent Catholic educator and former Supervisor of Raimondi College, is a recognized charitable organization for the promotion of education in Hong Kong. The high cost for senior secondary education, the soaring university tuition fees together with expensive textbooks and reference books as well as other related expenditures have prompted Raimondi College to set up this education fund to help needy and deserving students.

During the past years, the Education Fund had raised money through dress casual days, walkathons, spellathons and donation from generous benefactors. The funds raised are mainly used for granting financial assistance to students for their education or maintenance in schools, universities or other institutions which provide formal training or education in Hong Kong.

From 1992 to 2011, grants were awarded to 1455 Secondary 4-7 students across the territory. Scholarships were also given to a total of 205 university undergraduates in 1995 – 2011. The total amount used exceeds HK\$6.1 million. This year, the value of the secondary school students' grants is \$1,500 each, whereas the university grants' worth is \$20,000, covering nearly half of the tuition fees for degree courses. Although the grants are not enough to cover the total cost of education, we hope that the awards can encourage the students to concentrate on their studies without involving themselves in part-time jobs at the expense of their education.

Today, 68 secondary school students will receive the S4-7 scholarships. These students are nominated and recommended by their Principals. Selection is based on financial needs, special family circumstances (e.g. single parent, unemployment, retirement, ... etc.), academic performance, conduct and participation in extra-curricular activities.

The university scholarships will be presented to 10 undergraduates. Selection criteria are similar to those of the S4-7 scholarships. Applicants are shortlisted by the Selection Committee and are required to attend selection interviews.

Finally, on behalf of the board of directors of the Rev. Joseph Carra Education Fund, I would like to congratulate all the awardees of the Rev. Joseph Carra Memorial Grants for the year 2011 – 2012 and thank you all for coming to our 19th Annual Awards Presentation Ceremony.

祁良神父教育基金董事局報告

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為紀念意大利米蘭宗座外方傳教會會士祁良神父而設的祁良神父教育基金，於一九九二年五月成立。祁良神父是高主教書院的創辦人及首任校監，也是一位傑出的天主教教育家。高主教書院設立這項教育基金，一方面延續了祁良神父的遺願，推動本港的教育工作；另一方面，亦為清貧的莘莘學子提供經濟支持，使他們能負擔不斷上昇的高中和大學費用、價值高昂的課本、參考書及其他沉重的教育支出，安心完成學業。

過去數年，祁良神父教育基金曾透過多種形式籌募經費，計有便服日、步行籌款、拼字籌款及募捐等，謹此向各熱心人士的踴躍捐輸，致衷心的感謝。而所得款項，則以獎學金形式，每年頒予有需要和成績優異的高中及大學學生。

自一九九二年至二零一一年，全港約1455位中四至中七學生領受了祁良神父中學獎學金，而一九九五年至二零一一年，亦有205位大學學生領取了祁良神父大學獎學金，撥款總數超過港幣六百一十萬元。本年度，中學獎學金及大學獎學金的金額分別為港幣一千五百元和二萬元。雖然獎學金未能全面照顧學生的需要，但以大學獎學金為例，卻提供了學位課程接近一半的費用，當能令受惠學生專心學業，避免因經濟負荷而作課餘兼職，影響學習。

今日，來自68間不同中學的高中生將領受祁良神父中學獎學金。他們皆得到所屬學校的校長推薦，經對本身的家庭經濟狀況、學業成績、操行及課外活動的參與等甄選準則作量裁，然後獲獎。大學獎學金則將頒發給10位大學生，他們均經過遴選小組的審慎考慮，通過面試後，才從眾多申請者中甄選出來的。

最後，本人謹代表祁良神父教育基金董事局恭賀各得獎者，亦感謝各位蒞臨本教育基金的第十九屆獎學金頒獎典禮。

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