



# DIRECTIONS

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## FADICA's 33rd Annual Meeting to Focus on Grassroots Philanthropy/Guests to Include Cardinal John Foley and Bestselling Author Bill Somerville

The Catholic foundation community will gather January 29-30th in Bonita Springs, Florida, for its 33rd annual meeting and conference entitled: *Reinventing Catholic Philanthropy*.

The conference will feature discussions on the current practices and challenges facing small to medium sized private foundations. The gathering will also look at newer funding partnerships that increase grantmaker impact while leveraging institutional resources.

Among guest speakers and panel members will be Father Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA, and Sr. Andrea Lee, IHM, President of the College of St. Catherine.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, co-adjutor Archbishop of Cincinnati and Treasurer for the U.S. Bishops' Conference, will speak on pastoral priorities for the church in America in a new era of economic challenge.

The program will include a grantmakers' dialogue with experienced church fundraisers on how to work more effectively with private foundations.

Among panel members will be Patrick McGrory, Chairman of the Raskob Foundation, Amy M. Goldman, Vice Chair of the Gerald and Henrietta Rauenhorst Foundation, and Andrea H. Bramson, a trustee of the Loyola Foundation.

Also participating in the conference will be St. Thomas University President, Rev. Dennis Dease; Catholic Health Association President, Sr. Carol Keehan, DC; Sr. Mary Scullion, Foundress of Project HOME of Philadelphia; and Mary Flynn Myers, Coordinator for the Campaign for Catholic Schools of Boston.

Cardinal John Foley, Grand Master of the International Order of the Holy Sepulcher, and a communications advisor to the papacy, will speak to the members of FADICA at a special dinner in his honor.

The Lilly Endowment's Dr. John Wimmer will address the conference on capacity building for religious organizations. In recent years, the Endowment has concentrated its support on helping religious communities improve their fundraising capabilities. The Endowment has been a major force behind Indiana University's new Center on Philanthropy.



Cardinal John Foley



Author Bill Somerville

## CALENDAR

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Membership Meeting**  
*Reinventing Catholic Philanthropy*  
Hyatt Regency  
Bonita Springs, FL  
January 29-30, 2009

**FADICA Spring Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Hay Adams  
Washington, DC  
June 5, 2009



## Three Bishops Honored for Their Leadership in Hurricane Recovery Efforts

Three U.S. bishops from the Gulf Coast were honored for the leadership they demonstrated following vast destruction brought to their region in 2005.

The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, FADICA, and the Catholic Church Extension Society honored retired Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile and Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes of New Orleans during a reception held in their honor in Baltimore November 10th.



Archbishop Hughes, Archbishop Fiorenza, Archbishop Rodi

“After the storm, the utter devastation was indescribable,” Archbishop Rodi said as he received the award “. . . we felt very much alone but not for long.”

In the packed reception hall before cardinals, fellow bishops, and representatives of the three hosting organizations, Archbishop Hughes praised the collaboration of groups like the Roundtable, Extension, and FADICA, for working within his Archdiocese to expedite urgently needed help and for their partnership in the rebuilding process.

## Partnership with Laity to Build Catholic Identity Key to Jesuit Higher Education Future

Expanding the kind of laity committed to strengthening the Jesuit tradition, as well as promoting Christian spiritual and ethical values will figure large in leadership planning for Jesuit colleges and universities over the next several years. This, according to Paul Locatelli SJ, the new Secretary for Jesuit Higher Education during discussions with FADICA members at their fall retreat October 24th.



Paul Locatelli, SJ

“U.S. Jesuit institutions of higher education are probably the best in the world at collaboration with laity,” Father Locatelli told FADICA. “We’re not going to have that many Jesuits in future years,” he said, “so our key question is: How are we going to participate with laity to an even greater degree?” *A transcript of the discussion is available through FADICA.*

## One of Nation’s Largest Catholic Charities Agencies Resists Archdiocesan Control

The St. Louis Archdiocese has demanded that Catholic Charities, the largest provider of social services in Missouri, turn over control of its development office. The \$80 million a year agency has seen the resignation of its chief fund raiser and the removal of its board chair and trustees who opposed the action. Critics charge that the Archdiocese wants to be better able to solicit Catholic Charities donors for other purposes.



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## American Bishops Set Priority Focus for 2009-2011

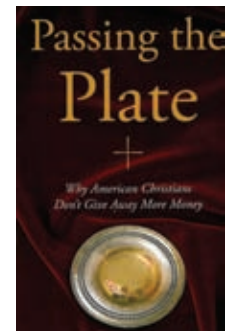
The American hierarchy meeting in Baltimore November 10-12 set five areas of church life as points of emphasis for the next two years.

They include strengthening marriage; attending to a more culturally diverse flock; more effective catechetical formation on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist; a more compelling way to promote the life and dignity of the human person; and a push to increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The adopted goals will be followed during the coming year with an action plan developed by task forces of bishops who will identify more specific programs to be adopted a year from now.

Articulation of the priorities at the national level is expected to influence all institutional priorities including those in the U.S. Catholic dioceses and parishes.

## Leading Religious Researcher Finds Sizeable Segments of Christians in U.S. Not Giving at All/Catholics Display Highest Rates of Non-Giving

Notre Dame Professor Christian Smith says that data on the General Social Survey conducted by the National Science Foundation through the National Opinion Research Center, has found that 19% of self-identified Protestants and 28% of all Catholics give no money to charity at all. In a new book, written by Dr. Smith and co-researcher, Dr. Michael O. Emerson, a Rice University professor, Catholics display the highest rates of non-giving among U.S. Christian groups. Nearly one out of three American Catholics, which includes nominal Catholics, gives neither money to their church nor to charities in general. The book, *Passing the Plate*, charges that social research has found that one out of every thirteen adult Catholics in church on Sunday is neither contributing financially to the church nor to any secular charity.



Among the reasons for generally poor performance among Christian givers in the U.S., Smith maintains, are the failure to grapple the moral teaching in the scriptures to give generously, low expectations on the part of churches, lack of confidence in the trustworthiness of churches and charities, no consequences for stingy or intermittent giving, and the lack of a structured, disciplined routine in giving generally.

## Le Moyne College Receives \$50 Million Gift

One of the largest gifts ever received by a Jesuit institution of higher learning was announced November 19th by Le Moyne College. The gift was made by the estate of Robert and Catherine McDevitt of Binghamton, New York, and will be used in four areas of the university: computer science, information processing, physics and religious philosophy. The late Father Edward L. McDevitt SJ, was one of five Jesuit professors who established Le Moyne's physics department after the college was founded in 1946.



## Foundation News

### Yawkey Foundation Makes \$15 Million Grant for Boston Archdiocesan Schools

The Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy – a combining of eight Catholic schools in Dorchester and Mattapan into one structured system with five campuses in the two neighborhoods – got a boost in late September with the largest donation ever to the Catholic school system in Boston – \$15 million from the Yawkey Foundation of Boston.

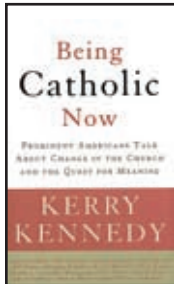
### CCUSA Grants Over \$2 Million to Assist Congregations of Women Serving the Poor of New Orleans

Catholic Charities USA has awarded \$2,010,000 to congregations of women religious based in the New Orleans area to help them restore ministries to the poor, severely diminished, or completely destroyed by the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina.

The grant, approved by the Disaster Response Office of Catholic Charities USA, in November will be administered by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in Silver Spring, Maryland.

It forms part of a larger fundraising effort over the past two years co-sponsored by LCWR and FADICA which has yielded over \$5 million for the rebuilding work of women religious.

## Publication Resources



*Being Catholic Now: Prominent Americans Talk About Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning*, Kerry Kennedy, Crown Publishing 2008. Thirty-seven Catholics speak candidly about their faith.

*Grassroots Philanthropy*, Bill Somerville, Hayday Books, 2008. A veteran foundation director encourages philanthropists to actively engage with the community, meet people who are doing extraordinary things, and fund those in need quickly with a minimum of process and paperwork.

*Passing the Plate*, Christian Smith, Michael O. Emerson. Oxford University Press, 2008. Shows that few American Christians donate generously to religious and charitable causes -- a parsimony that seriously undermines the work of churches and ministries.

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