



DIRECTIONS

A Quarterly Report for Catholic Grantmakers

FADICA Members Head for New Orleans/ October Meeting with Church Officials to Assess Rebuilding Challenges

Members of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA) will meet with Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes of New Orleans on October 5, to discuss current challenges and church-wide support for rebuilding efforts along the Gulf Coast a year after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and other tropical storms. The meeting will include tours of neighborhoods hardest hit by the storms and community and national volunteer efforts to rebuild homes and schools in the New Orleans area.



Numerous Catholic organizations have joined dioceses across the nation to help in rebuilding homes, schools, and parishes in New Orleans and Mississippi. American Catholics donated more than \$130 million to a national collection for victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita, but most of those funds went primarily to humanitarian relief rather than reconstruction of parishes and schools or church operating expenses. Another national collection taken up in August is expected to generate

additional funds for church and school repairs in New Orleans and in Biloxi, Mississippi, especially.

In New Orleans and surrounding areas, over 200,000 homes were lost, including rectories and convents. Almost two-thirds of the population has not returned. Catholics comprise more than one-third of the residents of the New Orleans area. Earlier this year the Archdiocese announced that it was merging 24 of its parishes and consolidating or changing 107 of its schools.



The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, a new organization of Catholic business and nonprofit leaders, is currently working with the New Orleans Archdiocese and McKensie Consulting to reconfigure the Archdiocesan school

system in light of population decline. In New Orleans, an estimated \$122 million in uninsured flood damage to church buildings occurred, while the Biloxi, Mississippi diocese had all but five of its 433 structures destroyed or severely damaged.

Foundation members within FADICA have made several donations to the stricken areas and to Catholic organizations involved in the rebuilding efforts. The October meeting will provide important perspective on current needs and plans and an opportunity to learn where future grant making will play the most critical role.

CALENDAR

FADICA Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Program on:
New Orleans: A Church Bringing Hope
Marriott New Orleans
October 5, 2006

FADICA Annual Meeting
Faith Formation and Campus Ministry
Hyatt Regency
Bonita Springs, FL
January 25-26, 2007

FADICA Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2007
Washington, DC

Church Management and Business Programs Begin on Catholic Campuses

Foundation community efforts to promote more attention to good management, administration, and stewardship within Catholic organizational life is generating several new resources for church leaders across the country.

Villanova University ran a five-day Church Management Institute in July for 33 church leaders from across the country including diocesan vicar generals, chancellors, religious superiors and directors of finance and development.

Boston College announced in late June that it would start a dual degree program: a master's degree in pastoral ministry with a concentration in church management, or a double master's degree, in business administration and in pastoral ministry.

Meanwhile the Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame is now offering courses in nonprofit administration over the next several years to 100 Catholic Charities personnel through six-day summer institutes.

Over the past three years, private foundations and donors have been encouraging the start-up of programs which will professionalize day-to-day administration of Catholic programs and institutions. Last year, grant makers provided capital for the work of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, a consortium of business, nonprofit and church leaders promoting best management practices.

Catholic Near East Welfare Association Launches Fund to Aid Victims of Middle East Conflict

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has launched an emergency appeal to aid Lebanese families displaced by the shelling of southern Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs. More than 500,000 people (13% of Lebanon's population of 3.9 million) have thus far fled; some 30,000 families have found shelter in schools. An additional 150,000 people have fled the country.



The break out of conflict in the region necessitated a postponement of a special pilgrimage and tour of Lebanon, Syria and Turkey co-sponsored by FADICA and CNEWA in connection with the 30th anniversary of FADICA.

Since the end of Lebanon's civil war in 1991, CNEWA has sponsored a nationwide community revitalization program, working closely with the nation's Christian, Druze, and Muslim community leaders to assess community needs; build homes, clinics and classrooms; restore village agricultural infrastructure and provide fresh water and environment-friendly waste management. In 2005, CNEWA gave \$3,373,457 to support these projects.

Contributions can be sent by mail to CNEWA, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022-4195.

Msgr. Andrew McGowan, Major Influence in Catholic Philanthropy and Volunteer Service Dies

Msgr. Andrew McGowan, a major force in Catholic philanthropy, charitable and volunteer service, died in late July following a cardiac illness. Msgr. McGowan, a member of FADICA and a speaker and panel moderator at the organization's conferences and meetings, was known for his pastoral care, community work, enormous generosity, and brilliant sense of humor.

Ordained in 1949, Msgr. McGowan served in the Diocese of Scranton as a pastor, seminary rector, and hospital chaplain. He was best known for his board volunteer work. In recent years he served on the boards of Support Our Aging Religious, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, and the McGowan Foundation of Washington, DC.



FADICA Welcomes Two New Members

The William and Helen Close Foundation of California and the Vatterott Foundation of Florida joined the FADICA membership this spring. Principals in both foundations have a long history of support for church related programs and projects. In recent years the Close Foundation played a leadership role in the building of Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. The Vatterott Foundation has a focus on giving primarily for elementary and secondary education for economically disadvantaged youth programs that serve minority populations and enhance racial equality, and human service agencies that serve the poor.

Papal Nuncio Says Philanthropy Takes on Deeper Significance in a Christian Context

The newly appointed Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, addressing the FADICA board of directors in early June, said philanthropy holds deeper and greater meaning for Christians because it is rooted in God's love for humankind.

Drawing from Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, he said, "How uplifting and encouraging it must be for each of you to see the work of FADICA as a continuation of *caritas* that flowed from the pierced side of Our Lord and took expression in the lives of his first followers." The Nuncio told board members that for many years, "FADICA has demonstrated a strong desire to strengthen church life in all of its dimensions."



Cost of Retired Religious Care Ran \$926 Million Last Year

A June survey of the National Religious Retirement Office puts retiree care for the country's religious men and women at a whopping \$926 million. To date national appeals over 18 years from special parish collections have totaled \$499 million. Presently a financial liability of \$8.7 billion for their care remains unfunded.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Vatican Shows \$12 Million Surplus for 2005

Despite nearly \$9 million dollars of extraordinary expenses associated with the papal transition last year, the Vatican reported in July that it closed its 2005 books with a \$12 million surplus, the healthiest bottom line in eight years.

Assets of Ave Maria Foundation Might Drop to \$15 Million

According to Paul R. Roney, Executive Director of the Ave Maria Foundation, the charitable arm of donor, Thomas S. Monaghan, the quarter billion dollar foundation could drop precipitously in light of rising building costs of Florida's new Ave Maria University. A July 30th report in the *New York Times* states that the new school located 30 miles northeast of Naples is commanding more charitable resources than previously anticipated.

PUBLICATION RESOURCES

Double Crossed: Uncovering the Catholic Church's Betrayal of American Nuns. A fascinating account of the battle over renewal in religious life in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council. Kenneth Briggs, Doubleday, 2006, \$24.95.

Church Leadership: A Challenge, An Opportunity, A Gift - A Conversation with Michael J. Himes. Philanthropists spend a day in lively conversation with theologian, Michael J. Himes, on the sacrament of Baptism and the exercise of leadership and responsibility for church life. FADICA, 2006, \$10.95.

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