



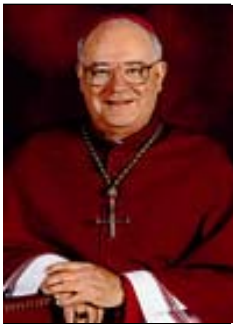
# DIRECTIONS

*A Quarterly Report for Catholic Grantmakers*

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## **FADICA's Thirtieth Annual Meeting to Discuss Diminishing Numbers of Priests/ Today's Seminary/ New Archbishop of San Francisco to Keynote Conference**

**D**ozens of private foundation leaders will gather in Los Angeles January 26-28, for FADICA's thirtieth annual meeting and a special conference entitled: *The Priesthood in A Time of Change and Challenge*.



**Bishop Niederauer**

The conference will discuss the increasingly older and diminishing number of priests available for parish service as well as the impact upon priests of accelerating growth and pastoral change.

The three-day gathering will feature George H. Niederauer, the newly appointed Archbishop of San Francisco, who will speak with FADICA on the state of the priesthood in the U.S.

Other presenters and panelists include the Rev. Donald Senior, CP, President of the Catholic Theological Union, Rev. J. Cletus Kiley, Executive Director of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry, Sr. Katarina Schuth, OFS, of the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity and Bishop Blase D. Cupich, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Vocations, Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, and Dr. Kathleen Cahalan, awarding winning writer and theologian, among others.



**Kathleen Cahalan**

Nationwide the church has experienced a 22% decline in the number of priests since 1981 raising severe distribution challenges in many dioceses, escalating parish closings, greater use of foreign priests and multiple pastoral assignments for priests.

Research by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University indicates that three out of ten diocesan priests are now listed as ill or absent. Just over three thousand U.S. parishes are without a resident priest.

The FADICA conference will also explore challenges facing Catholic seminaries which are struggling to deal with more cultural diversity, smaller student bodies and greater scrutiny by church leaders. One quarter of diocesan seminarians in the United States are from other countries.

The edited proceedings of the FADICA conference on the priesthood will be published later this year.

## **CALENDAR**

**FADICA Annual Membership Meeting**  
*The Priesthood in A Time of Change and Challenge*  
January 25-28, 2006  
Regent Beverly Wilshire  
Los Angeles, CA

**FADICA Board of Directors Meeting**  
June 1, 2006  
Washington, DC

**FADICA 30th Anniversary Pilgrimage**  
October 7-16, 2006  
*The Footsteps of St. Paul*  
(Lebanon, Turkey, and Syria)

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## FADICA to Honor Bishop Tod D. Brown, Diocese of Orange - Leader to be Cited for Courage and Compassion

**B**ishop Tod D. Brown of the Diocese of Orange will receive FADICA's Distinguished Catholic Leadership Award of 2006. The award will be presented by FADICA's board at a special dinner honoring Bishop Brown on January 26, 2006 in Los Angeles.

"Bishop Brown was chosen by FADICA's board of directors because of the extraordinary courage and compassion he has shown as the shepherd of the Diocese of Orange," said Dr. Francis J. Butler, President of the FADICA organization.

The Diocese of Orange is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. diocese in terms of Catholic population. Early in 2005, Bishop Brown agreed to pay \$100 million to 90 claimants who were suing the diocese in sexual abuse cases. Since then, many other Catholic dioceses have moved ahead to settle similar cases.

Bishop Brown made cutbacks in the diocese's budget in anticipation of the settlement but no parishes or schools were closed, nor were funds intended for them used to settle the claims.

The diocese took out a bridge loan to pay the plaintiffs in a timely way, and the diocese has almost repaid the bridge loan in its entirety. The diocese has also dedicated two new churches and announced the formation of two new parish communities during 2005 signaling a strong rebound in morale and pastoral life.

Past awardees of FADICA's Catholic Leadership Award include Cardinal Edmund Szoka, the former Archbishop of Detroit; the late Msgr. Philip J. Murnion; Father Renato Problete, SJ, for his work among the poor of Santiago, Chile; and Sr. Joan Bland, SND, Foundress of Education for Parish Service, among several others.

## FADICA Maps Out Thirtieth Anniversary Observance

**W**hen a dozen private foundations gathered in 1976 at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, an electrifying sense of great possibilities was in the air, according to those FADICA members who were present that day. Thirty years later FADICA now looks back with pride at those moments and an array of achievements that have both enriched church life and expanded Catholic philanthropy since that time.

During 2006, a special anniversary year for FADICA, the association will launch its *Faith Shaping the Future Campaign* to commemorate its founding and plan its expansion in membership, services, and resources over the next five years. The campaign will allow FADICA to meet the growing needs of membership, while fostering more opportunities for exciting new strategic grant making alliances among its membership.

In addition to the campaign, FADICA members have chosen the anniversary to undertake a special pilgrimage to the Near East. Those participating in the ten day program will look at contemporary church work in Lebanon, Syria and Turkey and also explore the early development of Christianity in this ancient part of the world.



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## **New Orleans Archdiocese to Receive Help from FADICA and New Roundtable for Church Management**

**T**he Archdiocese of New Orleans is facing some \$70 million in uninsured losses to its parishes and schools and is turning to Catholics everywhere to help map out its future.

Members of the Archdiocese will be meeting this month with representatives of the newly formed Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, an association of business and church leaders which has been formed to help promote excellence in administration and management. The Roundtable team will be looking at ways its network of experts could help with the massive and complex task of planning, repair and rebuilding.

The January meeting follows on a talk by Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes delivered at the Roundtable's annual meeting last October. The archbishop reported that most of the archdiocese's 66 Catholic schools were back in operation and that nearly 30 million pounds of food have been distributed by the archdiocese in the wake of the August 20, 2005 storm.

While he said that great strides were being made to restore pastoral and social services, he invited everyone to help the archdiocese with its overwhelming task of rebuilding.

Catholic Charities USA has given hurricane impacted dioceses more than \$100 million for hurricane relief, but that money is designated for charitable and humanitarian assistance, not church repair or construction.

## **Sequoia Fund Manager, Philanthropist William J. Ruane Dies**

**W**illiam J. Ruane, a philanthropist whose collaboration with an inner city Catholic school led to the revitalization of a whole block in Harlem, died October 6 in New York. Mr. Ruane, a generous supporter of FADICA for many years, was a partner in the firm of Ruane, Cunniff and Goldfarb. He managed to revive St. Paul's parochial school through scholarships for poor children in the surrounding Harlem neighborhood.

The program evolved into the innovative Carmel Hill Project, a comprehensive community initiative that included renovating buildings, job training for low income mothers and providing for the medical care of families in the vicinity of the school.



**William J. Ruane  
1925-2005**

## **Contributed Services of Religious Men and Women Continues to Tumble in Parochial School Budgets**

**T**he contributed services of nuns, brothers and priests continues its downward trend over the past decade representing a loss of about 1% of the overall income at the typical Catholic high school each year.

Catholic schools have generated a low cost per pupil statistic because of the contributions of religious. Added to a reduction of 12% in high school subsidies from religious congregations, the overall loss is significant. This, according to the NCEA's research, *Dollars and Sense*.

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## FOUNDATION NEWS

### **Gates Foundation Donates \$7.5 Million to Catholic Schools in Western Washington**

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is giving \$7.5 million to Seattle area Catholic schools in recognition of the role they play in educating lower income students. The grant will be used to create scholarships and to kick off a larger fund raising campaign for the schools. About 22,500 students attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

### **Precious Blood Sisters Return to Site of Social Ministry**

The Glen at St. Joseph, a life changing campus for single mothers and their children, will open later this year in Dayton, Ohio's East End Neighborhood. The Precious Blood Sisters will assist in the project. The ministry at the Glen will include employment training, education, early learning, and case management services for those in residence. The Precious Blood Sisters served on the same site over one hundred years ago when they staffed a Catholic orphanage there. The exciting project has been made possible through the assistance of the Mathile Family Foundation.

## PUBLICATION RESOURCES

*Dollars and Sense: Catholic High Schools and Their Finances*, National Catholic Education Association, Washington, DC. A national study on the costs of Catholic high schools including detailed information on teacher and administrator salaries, fund raising structures, and important trends [www.ncea.org](http://www.ncea.org).

*The Lost Art of Walking on Water: Reimagining the Priesthood*, Michael Heher. An engaging description of today's priesthood, its fragile state, and what can be done to restore its tarnished image in the wake of recent scandals. First Place Winner CPS Book awards. Available through Paulist Press.

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