



DIRECTIONS

A Quarterly Report for Catholic Grantmakers

Campaign Momentum Builds With Assisi Leadership Gift

The Assisi Foundation of Memphis took an influential role in shaping FADICA's future when its board met in late October. The foundation announced a contribution of \$250,000 to FADICA's five-year *Faith Shaping the Future* capital campaign.

The campaign will enable FADICA to vastly expand its services, conferencing, publishing, and use of technology. Earlier this year FADICA received major leadership gifts from the Loyola, Raskob, and Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundations and other donors according to Francis J. Butler, FADICA's president, in a report to the FADICA board meeting in Santa Fe, October 26th. The Assisi gift marks a total of over \$3.5 million committed so far by the FADICA membership, the president's report noted.

The funds will be used to help expand FADICA membership and assist present members with grant making partnerships, increase training for younger foundation trustees, build FADICA's capacity to support regional gatherings, share best practices in philanthropy, and expand publishing capabilities among other measures. The campaign was undertaken in 2007 on the threshold of the organization's third decade of service.

"FADICA's lead donors want a forward looking organization. They know that over the years we have together built a distinctive and innovative way to network while staying abreast of what works best in Catholic philanthropy," said Dr. Butler. "The new capacity that FADICA will have as a result of this campaign," he added, "will assure that what these foundations have started will serve Catholic philanthropy for generations to come."

CALENDAR

FADICA's 32nd Annual Meeting and Symposium
Catholic Schools: A New Chapter in an Old Story
January 24-25, 2008
Naples Grande Resort
Naples, Florida

Catholic School Innovation Slated For Donor Annual Meeting

How Catholic schools not only survive but thrive in today's tougher educational environment when enrollments nationally trend downward while educational costs escalate will be a question front and center at the 32nd annual meeting of FADICA's membership January 24-25th in Naples, Florida. The conference entitled: *Catholic Schools: A New Chapter in an Old Story*, will feature successful models of Catholic school development from around the country. The conference will also discuss how Catholic schools are measuring achievement and insuring a high quality of instruction in an increasingly competitive environment. *(continued on page 2)*



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Catholic School Innovation *cont...*

The national conference will include top experts in Catholic education including Dr. Karen Ristau, President of the National Catholic Education Association, Dr. Loraine Ozar, Director of Loyola University of Chicago's Center for Catholic Educational Effectiveness, Dr. Mary Walsh, of the Lynch School of Education, Fr. John Foley, Founder of Cristo Rey High School in Chicago, and several other education and foundation leaders. The invitational conference comes at a time of growing concern about the survival of many Catholic schools.

In late September, the University of Notre Dame, working in concert with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, launched a national effort to engage the nation's Catholic universities and colleges in more research and practical action to strengthen Catholic schools across the country.

Recovery in New Orleans Especially Challenging for Church Ministries of Religious Women

A tour that included interviews with five congregations of religious women on October 11-12 found school and social ministries rebounding despite the persistence of formidable hardships.



The visit was undertaken by Sally Duffy, SC, President of the SC Ministry Foundation and Dr. Francis J. Butler, FADICA's president. It is part of a wider cooperative effort between FADICA and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious to help congregations of women religious in New Orleans find foundations and donors interested in assisting church ministries recover from the catastrophic storm damage of 2005.

Interviews with congregational leaders revealed encouraging news of the rebuilding of schools, nursing homes, and day care centers sponsored by the religious. However, in many cases, sisters have had to deplete their retirement savings because external sources of help were not there.

The FADICA/LCWR project is being coordinated by Sr. Suzanne Hall, SNDdeN, who has documented urgent needs of the New Orleans sisters. A full report can be viewed at www.fadica.org or by writing suzhall@igc.org.

Former FADICA Board Members Remembered

Albert Gregory McCarthy III, former board chairman of FADICA, and a Washington, DC philanthropist and attorney, died August 28th.

Mr. McCarthy led the FADICA organization from 1992-96 when the group was engaged in several major projects including the launching of a national fund raising campaign under the American bishops to aid in the rebuilding of churches and schools in Eastern Europe.

Maryanna Coyle SC, a former board member of FADICA and first chair of the board of Catholic Health Initiatives of Denver, passed away on September 18th. Sr. Maryanna was a highly recognized and influential figure in Catholic health care and in private philanthropy. For six years she served on FADICA's board while she directed the philanthropy of the SC Ministry Foundation of Cincinnati.



Vatican Issues New Canon Law Governing Fundraising

By Jerry Filteau

New Vatican-approved norms for fundraising in the U.S. Catholic Church took effect August 15.

They add the force of law to the national guidelines already in place since 1977 for ethics, transparency and accountability in the fundraising activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the country's Catholic dioceses, parishes, diocesan agencies and religious orders, seminaries and a few other organizations categorized under church law as "public juridic persons."

Because religious orders are affected, as well as dioceses, parishes and other institutions under the more direct supervision and direction of bishops, after the bishops adopted the norms in 2002 the Vatican spent nearly five years consulting with the U.S. organizations of religious superiors before giving its approval.

The two-page document — available on the Web at www.usccb.org/norms/1262.htm — contains 17 specific norms. It spells out the ethical and theological framework within which any public appeal to Catholics for church support must be set. It gives rules for approval and oversight by the proper church authority for any fundraising appeal and for procedures to be followed in conducting an appeal.

The new canon law establishes norms of transparency and of accountability to donors, beneficiaries, church authorities and the fundraising organization's governing board and membership, both for the appeal itself and for the use of the funds raised.

The first norm in the text says: "Fundraising appeals are to be truthful and forthright, theologically sound, and should strive to motivate the faithful to a greater love of God."

In most cases the local bishop is the competent church authority to approve a fundraising appeal and ensure that the fundraising organization adheres to the standards set by the norms.

For religious orders, the major superior has primary authority over those matters. But the order cannot launch an appeal without authorization from the bishop where the appeal originates, and the superior must report periodically to the bishop on the appeal and the use of the funds raised.

While thousands of U.S. Catholic organizations or institutions do not fit the definition of "public juridic persons" in church law, church leaders could advance a culture of greater transparency and accountability in fundraising throughout the church by encouraging those entities to study the norms and translate them, appropriately adapted, into their own written policies for fundraising activities.

The Canon Law Society's *New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law* (2000, Paulist Press) says that approach could be used. It notes that there is no church law governing fundraising by Catholic organizations that do not qualify as public juridic persons, but the gap in the law could be filled by "an analogical application ... to other Catholic organizations" of any norms established to implement Canon 1262.





FOUNDATION NEWS

W. O'Neil Foundation Helps New Orleans Religious with Emergency Needs / Order of Malta also Joins in Response Effort

The W. O'Neil Foundation of Maryland made two \$30,000 grants to aid the Carmelite Ministries of New Orleans to help restore a preschool for young working families in the community and to help the Sisters of St. Joseph with an adult learning center ministry for the poor. The Order of Malta Federal Association announced a \$20,000 grant for the Congregation of the Marianites of the Holy Cross to help their Bywater project, assistance to the elderly poor in the city of New Orleans.



Fidel Götz Foundation Hosts Conference at the Vatican

The Fidel Götz Foundation, a European member of the FADICA organization, hosted a seminar October 15-19 at the Vatican entitled: *The Presence of Women in the Catholic Church*. The five-day meeting included guests from four U.S. foundations who took part in a series of discussions with Vatican representatives on pastoral and social dimensions of women's participation in the church. Sessions included discussions at the Secretariat of State and Congregations of Bishops, Doctrine, Christian Unity, and Culture. In addition, the participants took part in a papal audience.

PUBLICATION RESOURCES

My Life with the Saints, James Martin, SJ. An award winning story about some of Catholicism's most famous saints and how they inspire and help contemporary Christians find their most important identity. Loyola Press, \$22.95.

Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light. The communications of Blessed Mother Teresa revealing decades of spiritual struggle to sense God's love and presence in her life. The book is a testimony to faith-filled perseverance of heroic proportions, and destined to be a landmark in spiritual autobiographies. Doubleday, \$22.95.

Give Us Your Best: A Look at Church Service for a New Generation. Published proceedings of the June 2007 annual membership meeting of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management at the Wharton School. National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management. \$25.00.

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