



DIRECTIONS

A Quarterly Report for Catholic Grantmakers

Catholic Donors Told Leadership and Accountability Key to Future of Catholic Schools

A national conference of Catholic school experts and philanthropists held in association with FADICA's 32nd annual meeting finds that more innovative school leadership, transparent and accountable school operations, and hands-on help from the higher educational institutions hold the key to the future of Catholic schools.

"At present there is an acute shortage of people well prepared for school leadership", said Dr. Karen Ristau, President of the National Catholic Education Association, one of a dozen national experts addressing FADICA's conference: *Catholic Schools, A New Chapter in An Old Story*.



FADICA Member Thomas J. Healey Moderates Panel on Catholic School Finance January 24-25



**Dr. Karen Ristau
NCEA President**

Dr. Ristau addressed an audience of 100 private foundation representatives gathered January 24-25, to discuss Catholic school leadership, finances, school performance, and innovation. "Donors today want to see their money working", said Dr. Mary McDonald, School Superintendent for the Diocese of Memphis. "Accountability is the prerequisite to turning schools around," she added. Loyola University's Dr. Lorraine Ozar, Director of the Center for Catholic School Effectiveness, remarked that Catholic schools were at a watershed moment yet, "it is a rare diocese that is transparent about their school data".

Professor Dr. Mary Walsh of Boston College agreed. "Parents have an impossible job in comparing Catholic schools to other schools," she noted. Diocesan school offices, she told the audience, "generally do not release school data and sometimes take the position that comparisons are odious."

The FADICA conference comes at a time when donor involvement in Catholic schools is increasing nationally. Nonetheless, schools still face declining enrollments and sharply higher operating costs. Nearly 500 Catholic schools have been closed across the country over the past five years. Conferees at the Naples conference urged foundations and donors to get more deeply involved in the schools' plight and consider using influence in positive ways to broaden participation in the educational mission of the church.

Fr. Timothy Scully, CSC, of Notre Dame reported to conferees that only 26 of the 235 Catholic colleges and universities had school leadership programs. "The biggest challenge we face in Catholic education is preparing leaders for our future," he said. "We can do much better." *(Continued on page 2)*

CALENDAR

FADICA Board of Directors Meeting
New York City
June 6, 2008

FADICA Fall Board of Directors Meeting
The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV
October 24, 2008

FADICA 33rd Annual Membership Meeting and Conference: Reinventing Catholic Philanthropy
Naples, FL
January 29-30, 2009

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Catholic School Program *cont....*

Among those addressing the gathering was former Unicom and Commonwealth Edison Chairman, James O'Connor of the Big Shoulders Fund of Chicago. Mr. O'Connor's group has raised a \$40 million endowment for 93 schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago and manages to provide hands-on help to individual schools to maintain quality and viability.

"We've put 22 marketing directors in these schools and we have 6 people in graduate school getting scholarship assistance from us provided they render at least three years of service to the schools upon completion of their degree", Mr. O'Connor noted. "Hands-on help makes a difference," he added.



Panelists Dr. Mary McDonald and James O'Connor address school financing



Denise M. Hattler, FADICA Board member, presents DCLA award to John P. Foley, SJ

While gathered at the Florida conference, the members of FADICA awarded Fr. John P. Foley, SJ, founder of Cristo Rey High School, the Distinguished Catholic Leadership Award, for his role in establishing a network of some 19 such schools throughout the country providing a premier quality high school education to urban students from low income families.

Leavey Foundation Chair Among Four New FADICA Board Members

Kathleen McCarthy, Chair of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation and an influential leader in a number of charitable activities nationally, and in Southern California, has been elected to the FADICA board of directors. Mrs. McCarthy has been an active member of FADICA for many years and recently helped form a four-member steering committee for FADICA's capital campaign, *Faith Shaping the Future*.



Newly elected FADICA Board Chairman, Timothy J. O'Shaughnessy

The FADICA members meeting for their 32nd annual meeting in Naples on January 24-25 also elected three others to board terms of service including, Sister Sally Duffy, SC, President of the SC Ministry Foundation of Cincinnati, Ohio, Andrea Hattler Bramson, a trustee of the Loyola Foundation of Washington, DC, and John Vatterott of the Vatterott Family Foundation of Naples, Florida.

In addition to welcoming new board members, elections at the annual meeting resulted in three new principal officers to help guide the association. These included Timothy J. O'Shaughnessy, Chairman, William F. Raskob, III, Board Vice President, and Thomas J. Healey, Treasurer.

FADICA's Website Enhanced

FADICA's internet website underwent refurbishing in February resulting in a more simplified format and more resources. The site www.fadica.org offers a convenient way for members to access the websites of members, to track meetings and projects, obtain conference proceedings and newsletters, and stay abreast of organizational news. The sites platform is designed so that more features can easily be added in the future.



FADICA Board Briefed on Progress of *Faith Shaping the Future Campaign*/ \$4.4 Million Reached in First Year

FADICA's first ever campaign to strengthen its service capacity and grow its membership reported solid progress with gifts and pledges from sixteen of its members during the inaugural year of a five-year effort. "This is truly an affirmation of FADICA's work" said FADICA's president, Francis J. Butler, in a report to the membership meeting in Naples, January 24. "It is a tribute to the social capital of good will and friendship that we have worked together to achieve," Mr. Butler said.

The campaign is aimed to provide an endowment that will drive a four part program expanding FADICA's ability to assist its members, offer training and publication resources, and expand its communications and marketing capacity.

***Faith Shaping the Future Campaign* Inaugural Donors**

AMS Fund
Anonymous
Assisi Foundation of Memphis
Boisi Family Foundation
Anthony B. Brenninkmeyer
Cassin Educational Initiative Foundation
Connelly Foundation
George and Marie Doty
Mary Kay and James D. Farley Fund
Healey Family Foundation
Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation
Loyola Foundation
Mathile Family
I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation
Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities
Maureen and John O'Leary
Serving Hands International

Sisters New Orleans Recovery Gives FADICA Positive Report

Sister Suzanne Hall, SNDdeN, Principal Coordinator of the FADICA/LCWR (Leadership Conference of Women Religious) joint effort to revive social and educational ministries sponsored by sisters in New Orleans, provided FADICA's members with an uplifting picture of fund raising efforts over the past six months. Sr. Suzanne addressed the membership at its annual gathering January 24th in Naples. She reported that nearly \$2.5 million in aid had been channeled to urgent needs of the religious through the FADICA/LCWR program.

The grants awarded mostly through individual members of FADICA, will go to provide daycare, and elder care, rebuild schools, nursing and assisted living facilities, and repair and refurbish badly damaged convents. Through the generosity of the SC Ministry Foundation, Sr. Suzanne reported, the project of fund raising assistance will continue for an additional six months in 2008.



FOUNDATION NEWS

Goizueta Foundation Joins FADICA

The members of FADICA were delighted to welcome the Goizueta Foundation of Atlanta, GA, to its growing membership. The foundation joined the organization in January. The foundation was established in 1992 by Mr. Roberto C. Goizueta and his wife, Olga, to support programs that promote sustainable change and have a long-term impact in the community. Mr. Goizueta was Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer of The Coca-Cola Company until his death in October 1997. The foundation is currently focused on early childhood education, primary and secondary education, higher education, youth and family development, immigrant and refugee services, and services for people with disabilities.

Grant of \$4 Million to Catholic High Schools Honors Bishop D'Arcy

The Our Sunday Visitor board of directors announced that in honor of Bishop John M. D'Arcy's golden jubilee as a priest, it will give an endowment of \$1 million each to the four Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. To be known as the Bishop John M. D'Arcy Golden Jubilee Fund, the endowments will be used to grant tuition assistance to qualified students seeking financial aid.

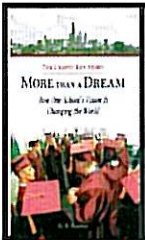
PUBLICATION RESOURCES

More Than A Dream: The Cristo Rey Story. G. R. Kearney, 2008 Loyola Press, Chicago. An inspiring book on how one Catholic high school in Chicago started a revolution in urban education, \$22.95.

Sustaining Catholic Education In and For the Black Community. 2007 Megan Vargo, ed. Perfect Press Los Angeles. A 52-page report on the impact and importance of Catholic schools for the African American Community produced by the National Black Catholic Congress, Baltimore, Maryland.

Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for Catholic Dioceses. An easy to read set of eight guiding principles and 55 standards for benchmark performance of Catholic dioceses to strengthen their operations. National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, \$5.00.

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