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Foundations Told to Simplify Approach/ Be Mindful of Capacity of Grantees and Urgency of Need

Members of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities meeting in Bonita Springs, Florida, for the organization's annual midwinter meeting heard philanthropy experts recommend a simpler, more collegial style to their grantmaking, eliminating red tape and delayed decision-making.

The conference entitled, *Reinventing Catholic Philanthropy* featured a dozen speakers and panelists from the Catholic nonprofit and foundation world who interacted with charity trustees on the most effective ways to increase the impact of their giving.

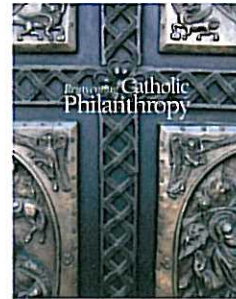
Bill Somerville of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation of Oakland told FADICA, "Foundations are adrift in the misconception that paperwork equals due diligence". The author of the bestselling book, *Grassroots Philanthropy*, said that often people in the foundation world "end up funding paper, not people".

"After 350 visits to foundations in the United States," Somerville said, "I found that most are paralyzed in bureaucracies of their own making." He urged foundation trustees to get out of their offices more, streamline their grant procedures including making use of more online applications, and get grants out the door when they are needed.

Somerville said the most critical predictor of success is the quality of the leadership. "The most important element in any application is the quality of the people . . . and that centers on assessing the leadership capacity of those applying for funds," he added.

A number of speakers and panelists stressed the importance of an interactive relationship between grantmakers and grantees. "I think about our foundation as almost being a feedback loop of what we learn from some very good large organizations. . ." declared Amy Goldman, Vice Chair of the Gerald and Henrietta Rauenhorst Foundation.

An edited transcript of *Reinventing Catholic Philanthropy* is available online at www.fadica.org. A printed version may be ordered through FADICA.



CALENDAR

FADICA Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Building a Generous Church: Priority Setting and National Appeals
The Hay-Adams
Washington, DC
June 5, 2009

FADICA Fall Board of Directors Meeting
Hope on the Horizon: A Look at Foundation Investment Strategies
New York City
November 6, 2009

FADICA 34th Annual Membership Meeting
Will Small Catholic Colleges Survive?
Naples, Florida
January 28-29, 2010



SC Ministry President Winner of 2009 Carroll Award in Catholic Philanthropy

Sister of Charity Sally Duffy, President and Executive Director of the SC Ministry Foundation of Cincinnati, was awarded the Charles Carroll Award in Catholic Philanthropy for 2009.

The award was established in 1983 by FADICA to recognize exceptional leadership within the Catholic donor and foundation world.

Sr. Sally was recognized for her singular leadership in raising millions of dollars in reconstruction aid for religious women in the New Orleans area to rebuild damaged schools, social service centers, and other ministries serving the poor in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.



Sally Duffy, SC rallied donors to restart sisters' ministries in New Orleans

The SC Ministry Foundation was instrumental in bringing members of the FADICA network to see firsthand the extensive damages in eight communities of religious and later proposed a joint fundraising program between FADICA and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious. SC Ministry Foundation provided millions of dollars in hurricane related relief while the FADICA/LCWR effort raised an additional \$7 million for the New Orleans religious.

Catholic Urban Schools in Boston Experience Rebirth

What's happening in Boston Catholic schools has been amazing, declared Mary Flynn Myers, Vice President of Development for the Campaign for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. "We've been able to generate, in the last two years, \$59 million for elementary schools in the Archdiocese," Ms. Myers told the members of FADICA during the organization's annual meeting in late January.



Mary Flynn Myers
Archdiocese of Boston

Ms. Myers reported that Cardinal Sean O'Malley and lay leaders in the archdiocese took an in-depth look at the archdiocese's 100 Catholic parish schools and strategically mapped out a plan to strengthen instruction, consolidate where necessary, and build partnerships for the future, including those with Catholic universities and a healthcare system.

"In Brockton today, there's just one Catholic school called Trinity Catholic," Myers told FADICA. Three schools have been merged into one, she said. "Instead of having about 350 children, there are 540 children. The two buildings have been completely renovated. There's a gifted and talented program, and the Terra Nova scores, a standardized achievement test, have just come in and some of the kids are up two grades, in terms of the numbers," Ms. Myers reported.

"We were happy to announce a \$15 million gift in September, which we think is the largest from a foundation for systematic Catholic school reform," said Ms. Myers. "It's truly been a partnership," she added.



Doheny Foundation President Elected to FADICA Board of Directors

Robert A. Smith, III, President of the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation of Los Angeles, has been elected to the board of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities.

The election of Mr. Smith was part of measures taken at FADICA's 33rd annual meeting. Mr. Smith will be serving his first term as a FADICA director, joining sixteen other foundation leaders who plan and oversee the interaction and programs that FADICA sponsors.

The Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation was the creation of the late Mrs. Edward Laurence Doheny, foundress of the Estelle Doheny Eye Foundation who helped to build hospital wings, chapels, and buildings for charities in the Los Angeles area.

Under Mr. Smith's leadership, the Doheny Foundation has advanced community based initiatives to help low income families. The Children's Dental Center of Greater Los Angeles, which treats thousands of children, adolescents, and young adults, is among the foundation's recent grantees, along with Homeboy Industries, a program assisting at-risk and former gang involved youth to become contributing members of the community.

Major Funder of Home Mission Dioceses Welcomed to FADICA

The Catholic Church Extension Society, a highly respected funder of churches, campus ministries, and seminarian education in poor and remote mission areas of the United States, was welcomed to FADICA membership in 2009.

Since its inception in 1905, Catholic Extension has contributed more than \$450 million to build and repair over 12,000 churches and chapels in the U.S. and bring the sacraments and religious instruction to more than 118 college campuses. The grantmaker has also taken lead roles in emergency help to churches in times of national disasters like hurricanes and floods. In 2007 Catholic Extension made over \$18 million in grants to some 82 U.S. dioceses.



Fr. Jack Wall, President
Catholic Church Extension Society



Nancy Matthews
Chancellor of the Diocese
of Bridgeport

NLRCM Opposes Connecticut Legislators Initiative to Regulate Parishes

The National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, through its chief executive Kerry A. Robinson, presented testimony March 10th opposing a state legislative proposal to require parishes to cede to parishioners exclusive financial control of parishes in Connecticut. After a public outpouring of opposition, the proposed legislation was withdrawn, but not before a legislative forum was organized to hear the public's views.

The NLRCM works to promote best management practices for church-related institutions, said Ms. Robinson, and is witnessing renewed and ongoing commitment to managerial excellence.



Foundation News

Georgetown Dean Appointed MacArthur Foundation President

Robert Gallucci, Dean of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University since 1996, will serve as the fourth President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, effective July 1. Before coming to Georgetown, Gallucci spent more than two decades representing the United States and promoting peace and security in some of the most challenging situations around the world.

Marquette University Receives \$595,000 Grant for Research on Natural Family Planning

Marquette University in Milwaukee has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which will study 650 couples over the next two years to test the effectiveness of two distinctively different methods of natural family planning.

Church-Related Giving Impacted By Recession

A new study from the Barna Group, a consultancy in Ventura, California, found that during the past three months, one out of every five households had cut its faith-based giving. As a result, churches could see donations decline by as much as \$5 billion and revenue by as much as 6 percent during the fourth quarter of the year. "The enemy of charitable giving is insecurity," said Paul G. Schervish, professor of sociology and director of the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy at Boston College.

Publication Resources

Reinventing Catholic Philanthropy, edited proceedings from a national conference discussing effective ways to increase philanthropic impact through greater collaboration, attention to capacity building, and simpler grantmaking policies. April, 2009, \$15.95, FADICA, Washington, DC.

The Street Stops Here, offers a deeply personal and compelling account of a Catholic high school in central Harlem, where mostly disadvantaged (and often non-Catholic) African American males graduate on time and get into college. Patrick J. McCloskey, University of California Press, 2009, \$27.50.

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