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Sixth Edition of *The Catholic Funding Guide* to be Published

The 6th Edition of *The Catholic Funding Guide* will be available December 1st. A reference for fundraising that contains basic information on 1,183 sources of grantmaking for Catholic institutions and programs, the 568 page book has been published about every other year since 1998, and contains 356 new listings.



The Catholic Funding Guide
6th Edition

In addition to the printing of the new edition, the *Guide* is being made available for the first time online.

The *Guide* was first published to aid non-professional fundraisers and volunteers by equipping them with guidance on how to work with foundations and other grantmakers like church and fraternal organizations. The aim of the editors was to help grant seekers become more effective in reaching out for support.

The Sixth Edition of *The Catholic Funding Guide* eliminated 285 previously listed funding agencies because time had demonstrated that their support for Catholic activities had diminished, ended, or the grantmakers themselves had ceased operation.

The present *Guide* represents agencies with a collective annual payout of some eight billion dollars. The book can be ordered online at www.fadica.org.

Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting to Celebrate the Philanthropy of Catholic Sisters/President of LCWR to Speak

When members of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities meet in late January in Naples, FL, for the organization's thirty-fourth annual gathering, they will be celebrating the philanthropic accomplishments of Catholic sisters throughout the nation.

The program parallels the national opening of the historical exhibit, *Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America*, at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The exhibit, many years in the making, displays artifacts and images as well as first-hand narratives of the work of religious women in America dating back from the seventeenth century.

The FADICA program will not only feature historical presentations from some of the principal developers of the *Women and Spirit* project, but it will take a look at contemporary examples of the ministry and service of women religious.

CALENDAR

FADICA 34th Annual
Membership Meeting
*The Leadership of Women
Religious in Philanthropy -
A Tradition Embraces the Future*
Naples Grande
Naples, Florida
January 28-29, 2010





FADICA Research Finds Top Fifty Foundation Grantees in Catholic Universe

Research recently conducted by FADICA shows impressive development work by many Catholic institutions, especially universities and colleges. The FADICA study was done in July using Internal Revenue Service data provided through American foundations' tax filings for 2007.

Among the ten top foundation grant recipients identified by the study was the University of Notre Dame, which placed first, raising nearly forty million dollars in foundation grants. Catholic Relief Services placed second, with over thirty-two million in grants, and Georgetown University placed third, with twenty-five million in grants.

The Cristo Rey, San Miguel, and Nativity schools collectively received nearly nine million in foundation grants nationwide during the period studied, and collectively the schools stand at number seven in the overall rankings of grant recipients.

Foundations Meet to Discuss Investment Strategies Economic Recovery Expected Not to Show Up in Giving for 2009/Financial Environment Makes Donor Partnerships More Compelling

Members of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities met in New York City November 6th with foundation investment experts for a roundtable discussion on the economic recovery and its impact on foundation portfolios.

The meeting, part of FADICA's fall board meeting, discussed the investment lessons learned during the worldwide economic recession of the past year and a half, in which many foundation portfolios tumbled.



Recent research on the nation's biggest foundations found a decline of \$50.4 billion in assets in just one year, making 2009 one of the toughest years ever for fundraisers.

Foundation experts have found from survey research that the nation should see about a 10-13% anticipated reduction in grants for 2009.

The FADICA meeting, which featured advisors from Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Private Bank, and the Roundtable Investment Partners, find economic forecasts for 2010 pointing to another historically difficult year for foundation grantmaking.



South African Catholic Parishes Doing Impressive AIDS Work

South African parishes are leading medical resources for the care of the poorest victims of HIV/AIDS, according to Dr. Francis J. Butler, who together with two other members of FADICA, and a team of U.S. bishops, visited that country in early September.



A parish nurse approaching an African village

The visit, hosted by the U.S. Bishops Solidarity with Africa campaign, introduced American visitors to parishes throughout South Africa in an effort to understand better the pastoral programming and needs of the Catholic faith communities.

Travel was coordinated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in cooperation with the South African Bishops' Conference. The delegation saw church medical clinics and pastoral programs for the victims of AIDS in the most remote and impoverished areas of the expansive country. In the Vicariate of Ingwavuma, in the heart of Zulu country, the visitation team toured Zulu villages with Bishop

Jose Luis Ponce de Leon, head of the vicariate whose population represents the largest concentration of HIV/AIDS victims in the world. Twelve percent of the entire population of children in the the area have lost both parents to the disease.

The world's bishops met in Rome during October for an international synod of the church in Africa. In the gathering's closing statement, the bishops said that the Catholic Church is "second to none" in the fight against HIV/AIDS and the care of people affected by it throughout the African continent.

Foundations Behind New Sales Campaign for Charter School Option for Ailing Catholic Urban Schools

Foundations rallying behind the charter school movement are finding expansion opportunities in Catholic parishes across the country where ailing Catholic urban schools on the verge of closure, might be willing to lease out their facilities as charter schools.



The Walton Foundation of Arkansas, the Bodman Foundation of New York, along with several other funders historically associated with the charter school movement, are working together through a new entity that plans to develop a network of charter schools using formerly parochial schools.

Seton Education Partners, a Wyoming-based organization, with an office in Washington, DC, and led by former staff members of the Philanthropy Roundtable, was showcased before Catholic educators September 21 at a Notre Dame University Conference. The conference explored a variety of Catholic school financing options including whether a charter school model could be developed that would be both non-sectarian yet supportive of Catholic identity.



Foundation News

U.S. Awards Catholic Charities USA \$103M Contract

The federal government has awarded Catholic Charities USA, the federation of diocesan Catholic Charities organizations, a five year contract worth as much as \$103 million to help ensure that families continue to get help after disasters. Assisting children and elderly people from low income families would be priorities. It is the first federal contract for the charity.

Caritas International calls for \$3.4 million in food aid to save Sudanese

The Catholic Church's central charitable coordinating agency called for a multi-million dollar church wide effort to save 35,000 Sudanese people who have suffered through violent conflict and years of drought and are now in dire need. Sudan is recovering from 22 years of civil war.

Publication Resources

Finding My Voice: A Young Woman's Perspective. Beth M. Knobbe, St Anthony Messenger Press 2009. A campus minister at Northwestern University adds an incisive look at the distinctive spiritual needs and challenges of today's young women. The seventh book in the *Called to Holiness Series*, co-produced through FADICA.

The Difference God Makes: A Catholic Vision of Faith, Communion, and Culture. Francis Cardinal George, OMI. Herder and Herder 2009. A powerful new exposition of the Catholic faith within contemporary American culture. It is neither a call for restoration of a fantasy-tinged past, nor countercultural invective, but rather a generous, demanding vision for Catholic living. \$26.95.

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