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Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting to Honor Chicago's Big Shoulders Fund / Donor Conference to Highlight Sustainable Partnerships for Catholic Schools

Chicago's Big Shoulders Fund will receive The Charles Carroll Award in Catholic Philanthropy February 3rd for the transformative impact which it has had on the lives of students in the urban Catholic schools of Chicago and for its ingenuity, leadership, integrity, and change-producing ideas that have distinguished its philanthropy since its beginnings in 1986.



Big Shoulders provides assistance to Catholic schools in Chicago

The donor and volunteer network serves 75 elementary schools and 17 high schools enrolling 25,000 students.

Big Shoulders provides assistance to Catholic elementary and high schools in Chicago's low-income communities. 100% of the funds raised by Big Shoulders are given to its schools to support a variety of educational mediums, including scholarships, special education programming, instructional equipment, facility improvements, faculty development, and operating grants. Nearly one third of the students benefitting from the Fund's innovative work are not Catholic.

The thirty-fifth annual gathering of the FADICA group will also bring together Catholic education experts and church leaders to explore new trends within the nation's parishes and dioceses toward building partnerships.

Among those addressing FADICA will be the Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut, the Most Reverend William E. Lori; Boston College President William P. Leahy, SJ; Chicago Archdiocese School Superintendent Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, OP; and New York Archdiocese School Superintendent Dr. Timothy J. McNiff, among several others.

The Charles Carroll Award is FADICA's highest honor and has been conferred by peers to recognize church-related philanthropy of exceptional originality and quality.

CALENDAR

FADICA Spring Meeting
Human Trafficking
Washington, DC
May 20, 2011

FADICA Fall Meeting
Education Innovation
Boston, Massachusetts
October 28, 2011

FADICA 36th Annual
Membership Meeting
Naples, Florida
February 2-3, 2012



FADICA Executive Vice President Named / New Officer Brings Background in Catholic Education

Dr. Erik P. Goldschmidt has been named FADICA's Executive Vice President and will join the philanthropic organization's staff as the new year gets underway.

Dr. Goldschmidt is currently Program Director for Boston College's Center for Child, Family and Community Partnerships, where he supervises an innovative student support program for 14 urban elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.

A graduate of Boston College, Notre Dame and the University of Portland, Dr. Goldschmidt will work with FADICA's president, Dr. Francis J. Butler, in all aspects of the organization's present work while placing special emphasis on FADICA's *Faith Shaping the Future* program. The FSF initiative is a strategic effort to increase the organization's membership, expand its use of research and technology, and facilitate philanthropic partnerships.



Dr. Erik P. Goldschmidt

Sisters' Outreach Makes Dramatic Difference in Home Missions

The presence of sisters in the most remote areas of the United States is having perceptible impact on the lives of isolated and impoverished populations. In dramatic testimony before the members of FADICA and the Catholic Church Extension Society this past fall, community leaders from rural Mississippi and Arizona provided often emotional first-hand accounts of how Catholic sisters transformed their own lives and developed indigenous leadership in rural communities. "Sister Donna affirms me," said Diana Eldridge, a lay parish leader from Camden, Mississippi speaking about Sr. Donna Gunn, CSJ, an Extension-funded sister serving Sacred Heart Family Center there.

"Whenever I think, or our parish thinks, that there's something we can't do, or that's too hard for us, Sister Donna always assures us that we have the resources and we can do it," Ms. Eldridge told FADICA and Extension.

The conference was co-sponsored by FADICA and Extension as part of a year-long focus on the ministries of women religious.

Cardinal Who Launched Visitation of U.S. Religious Retires

Cardinal Franc Rodé stepped down from his post as Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, just before a report on a year-long Apostolic Visitation on U.S. women religious was to be submitted. The Cardinal has been succeeded by Archbishop João Bráz de Aviz of Brazil. In a speech last February in Naples, Italy, Cardinal Rodé charged that a "secularized culture had penetrated the minds of some consecrated persons and communities" in the U.S.



Milwaukee Archdiocese Joins Seven Other Dioceses in Bankruptcy Due to Abuse Scandal

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has begun the new year filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, saying the move was necessary to fairly compensate victims of clergy sexual abuse and to continue the “essential ministries” of the church.

Archbishop Jerome ListECKI said January 5th that the filing would serve as a kind of final call for all sex abuse claims, allowing the archdiocese to determine its current and future financial obligations to victims.

He said it would have no effect on schools and parishes, which are separately incorporated, although that would ultimately be decided by the bankruptcy judge. But some bankruptcy experts feel that filing under Chapter 11 leaves some risk that the court could rule against some of the parishes or some of the other related entities like Catholic Charities and drag more assets into the bankruptcy estate in a way that would have longer-term consequences.

FADICA Welcomes Ohio and South Carolina Foundations / Our Sunday Visitor Institute also Joins

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland and the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina were welcomed to membership in FADICA this past fall. The two foundations, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cleveland, seek to improve the lives of those most in need with special attention to families, women and children living in poverty. They were created in 1996 as part of the Sisters of Charity ministries. Our Sunday Visitor Institute is a charitable agency associated with one of the biggest and most diversified Catholic publishing houses in the U.S. The company publishes *Our Sunday Visitor* newspaper.

Haiti's Three Major Challenges

As Haiti marked the first anniversary of the magnitude seven earthquake that claimed 230,000 lives, displaced more than one million people and buried the economy of the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, CRS Director Ken Hackett said January 12th that the complexity of solving Haiti's rebuilding crisis revolves around three major challenges: “The biggest challenge is getting the government to allocate land in a reasonable location so that property can be reconstructed,” he said. “The second biggest challenge is basically removing the rubble. And the third biggest challenge is peace, stability and, hopefully, finding someone with a leadership vision that is going to benefit the country.” CRS and leaders of the church in the U.S. have formed a new agency with the Haitian bishops and hierarchies of the world called PROCHE which is overseeing church-related reconstruction efforts.



Church and Foundation News

Raskob Foundation Appoints New Executive

Paul Zambenardi, a retired Navy Captain and foundation executive and the former CFO of the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation and Alumni Association, will take over the reins at the Raskob Foundation February 7. Mr. Zambenardi will help manage the \$130 million private charity which was created in 1945 by philanthropists John J. and Helena Raskob.

Pope Establishes Agency to Oversee Vatican Funds

Pope Benedict has created a new Financial Information Authority to help the Vatican City State comply with European Union conventions to prevent money laundering. The new agency will facilitate greater financial transparency within the Holy See and related entities.

Publication Resources

The Leadership and Philanthropy of Women Religious – Global Partnerships for Human Progress. Edited proceedings of a philanthropic conference on the work of Catholic sisters in remote areas of the globe. FADICA, Washington DC, \$14.95.

American Grace: How Religion Is Reshaping Our Civic and Political Lives.

Robert Putnam and David Campbell. Simon and Schuster 2010. A book based on two of the most comprehensive surveys ever conducted on religion and public life in America, it includes a dozen in-depth profiles of diverse congregations across the country. The book finds that religious Americans are better neighbors than secular Americans—more generous with their time and treasure. \$20.00.

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