



The Jesuits in the California Province receive \$500,000 contribution

Santa Monica, CA (August 2013)--The William H. Hannon Foundation has donated \$500,000 to support the California Province of the Society of Jesus in its \$23 million capital campaign to provide for the expansion and renovation of the Jesuit Novitiate in Culver City and Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, as well as for endowment funds for the education of future Jesuits.

"We are no stranger to the important impact Jesuits have played in our lives and the life of my late uncle, William Hannon," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation. Hannon attended Loyola High School and then Loyola University, now Loyola Marymount University (LMU).

Currently, Aikenhead serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees at LMU, and her brother, Jim Hannon, Treasurer of the Foundation, is the Chair of the Board of Regents at his *alma mater*, Loyola High School. The Foundation's Board of Directors also includes the current and past presidents of LMU as well as a LMU alumnus.

"My uncle would be proud to support the Jesuits in their effort to enhance their facilities and to better plan for their future growth. Supporting the Province's capital campaign makes a lot of sense for our Foundation, as we have generations of Foundation members, friends and family who owe a lot to the Jesuits," added Aikenhead.

The Society of Jesus is the largest men's religious order in the Roman Catholic Church, with about 20,000 priests and brothers working in different ministries around the world. The California Province covers California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah.

"We stand at a pivotal time in the history of the California Province. After years of a steady decline in the number of men entering the Society of Jesus, we're seeing the trend reverse as more men are answering God's call to serve the Catholic Church to make our world more humane and just for all," said Fr. Michael Weiler, S.J., Provincial of the California Province.

The William H. Hannon Foundation, since its founding in 1983, has been a strong and consistent supporter of Jesuit institutions, including LMU, Loyola High School, Verbum Dei High School, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Blessed Sacrament School and Dolores Mission School.