



## Students Hit the Books with the Catholic Schools Textbook Project

**Los Angeles, CA (May, 2012):** For the last forty years, students attending Catholic schools have been using secular textbooks that omit the Catholic perspective. In many instances, Catholic concepts and history are only introduced to students in a supplemental manner at many Catholic Schools. The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education has launched the Catholic Schools Textbook Project (CSTP) which has produced a four volume history textbook series for grades five, six, seven and eight. The Los Angeles Archdiocese Department of Education has approved the history textbooks for use in its elementary schools.

The William H. Hannon Foundation has made a \$10,000 grant to support CSTP. According to Glen Mueller, Chairman of CSTP, "There is a need to inform students about the significant role of the Catholic Church in the development of Western Civilization. Without knowledge of the past, what will be the foundation for our future?"

"My late uncle, our Foundation's founder, loved books, had a passion for education—especially helping elementary school students—and he was a proud Catholic. The Catholic Schools Textbook Project brings all these things together in an important effort to educate our Catholic youth," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.