

William H. Hannon Foundation Provides \$100,000 Grant for Juan Diego House

The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$100,000 grant to help create a new site for Juan Diego House, the Los Angeles Archdiocese's program for undergraduate age young men who are discerning their call to the priesthood. Reflecting a resurging interest in vocations, Juan Diego House, currently located in Gardena, has seminarians residing in six small homes, with only one owned by the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese's campaign for Juan Diego House will result in a single site to bring together all seminarians into a close community. The selected site is an unused convent located at Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance. It is anticipated the new location, able to accommodate 30 men annually, will be ready by August 2018. A building endowment is also being established.

In recognition of the Foundation's support, the front courtyard of the new Juan Diego House will be named the William H. Hannon Foundation Courtyard.

"My late uncle, William H. Hannon, had a philosophy that mirrored the Chinese proverb: 'If you are planning for a year, sow rice. If you are planning for a decade, plant trees. If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.' Our Board of Directors keeps that wise adage in mind when awarding our grants, and we know the importance of cultivating young men in their path to ordination to the priesthood," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation and a Board Member since the Foundation's founding.