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## Cardinal Roger Mahony Presents Kathleen Aikenhead with 2009 Cardinal's Award

**Los Angeles (February, 2009):** Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, was selected by His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, together with the Cardinal's Awards Committee, as one of five 2009 Cardinal's Awards honorees. This award is considered the highest recognition an individual can receive from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. 2009 marked the 20<sup>th</sup>



Anniversary of the Cardinal's Awards Dinner. Aikenhead was recognized by the Cardinal for her exemplary service in support of Catholic schools and organizations throughout the Archdiocese.

Since the founding of the William H. Hannon Foundation by her late uncle, William Hannon, in 1983, Aikenhead has played an active role on its Board of Directors, serving as president for the past 15 years. Aikenhead talks with obvious pride about her uncle's legacy: his Catholic upbringing and education at Loyola High School and Loyola University (now Loyola Marymount University); his deep love for the California Missions and their founder Fray Junipero Serra; his great success as a real estate developer and his earnest desire to support people and institutions in need, especially in the communities he helped to build. Hannon was a

Cardinal's Award recipient in 1994.

The Cardinal's Awards Dinner was held in The Grand Ballroom at Hollywood and Highland on February 7, 2009. In her remarks after being presented with her award by the Cardinal, Aikenhead thanked four individuals who helped mold her life: her parents, May and Andrew Hannon, her uncle William, and her husband David.