



Supporting a Catholic Community at Occidental College

November, 2013: Over the last four years, the William H. Hannon Foundation has helped to reinvigorate the Roman Catholic community at Occidental College in Los Angeles by supporting the hiring of an assistant religious advisor on the College campus. This past quarter, the Foundation renewed its support by providing a \$15,000 grant to Occidental College.

“Since the Foundation’s first grant in 2007, the College has experienced a reinvigoration of Catholic life on campus. Over the last few years, we have doubled the number of students and community members who regularly attend our weekly service. In fact, it is rare to have less than 35 people at a service,” said Cassandra Meagher, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Occidental College.

The opportunity to support the Catholic community at Occidental was brought to the Foundation’s attention by David W. Burcham, a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and an alumnus of Occidental College. Burcham is also President of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

“Growing the Catholic faith on a college campus is something my late uncle and our Foundation’s founder would surely embrace, as he was a devote Catholic who credits both his Catholic high school and college experiences as a basis for his success,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.