



Funding for Roman Catholic Religious Advisor at Occidental College

Los Angeles, CA (September, 2010) - The William H. Hannon

Foundation has renewed funding to support a Roman Catholic assistant religious advisor at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Approximately 20% of students entering Occidental College self-declare their religious preference as Catholic. In 2008, the Foundation supported the initial efforts to establish a wider range of opportunities for worship, community fellowship, and volunteer activities for Catholic students. Initiatives under the program for the 2010-2011 academic year include student leadership training with the advisor and three student leaders attending the 11th Annual Dominican Institute for Student Ministers in Oakland, CA; revitalizing Mass by hiring a pianist; hosting more dynamic and interfaith retreats and increasing social justice activities.

“Enhancing the Catholic community at Occidental College perfectly aligns with our Foundation’s mission. I am especially pleased that one of the Members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, David Burcham, the President of Loyola Marymount University and an alumnus of Occidental College, was the catalyst for suggesting this partnership,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.