

TACSC Flourishes with the Longstanding Support of William H. Hannon Foundation

February 2018/Santa Monica, CA: William Hannon, the late philanthropist and founder of the foundation that bears his name, was a builder at heart—of homes, shopping centers, office buildings and even a raceway. But he was happiest when focused on building up the futures of young people and supporting his Catholic faith. The William H. Hannon Foundation has carried on this mandate through significant support of The Association of Catholic Student Councils (TACSC), an organization dedicated to the development of student leaders anchored in their Catholic faith with a focus on positively impacting the world.

The William H. Hannon Foundation recently made a \$140,000 commitment to TACSC for general operating support. That \$140,000 represents 22% of TACSC's budget, but seven years ago, the Foundation funded nearly the organization's entire budget. At that time, the Foundation outlined a turnaround plan for TACSC, which was embraced and exceeded the Foundation's expectations. During 2017, TACSC served 3,069 students in all programs, a 12.8% increase over the prior year. The number of volunteer staff hours total 20,000, a 47% increase over the prior year.

TACSC offers a Summer Leadership conference, a five-day residential experience for incoming Catholic school 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to find their voices as leaders, whether acting in student government positions or in other leadership roles in their schools or communities. This past year, conferences were held at Loyola Marymount University, Claremont McKenna College and U.C. Irvine. TACSC also puts on student leadership days hosted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as well as the only program of its kind that provides unique, hands on training for raising Catholic high school leaders.

"TACSC has been an important part of growing young Catholic leaders since 1982. Today they are on a great path for continued success," said Jim Hannon, Treasurer of the William H. Hannon Foundation and a member of TACSC's Board of Directors, adding, "I've seen firsthand how they light the fire of leadership in our young people. Attending their leadership conferences and watching these students is inspiring as we look to the future of our Church and world."