



William H. Hannon Foundation Carries on Founder's Goal of Supporting Catholic Faith with \$1,250,000 in Donations to St. John's Seminary & USC Catholic Community

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The William H. Hannon Foundation, founded by the late Catholic philanthropist and real estate developer William H. Hannon, has provided grants totaling \$1,250,000 to support St. John's Seminary & a new Catholic Church and Community Center at the University of Southern California (USC). "My late uncle was a devoted Catholic and loved our Church. These donations reflect our effort to further his support of the Catholic faith," said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, Hannon's niece and a Board member of the Foundation since its founding in 1983.

Built in 1939, St. John Seminary in Camarillo is the place where men are prepared for Priesthood Ordination and service for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. There are three Residence Buildings at the Seminary which, after some 68 years, are now being renovated and upgraded with private bathrooms, upgraded electrical service and connections for computer access in all of the rooms. The Foundation is providing \$1,000,000 toward the renovations.

"Given William Hannon's love for the Church and for priests, this donation is very fitting and carries on his legacy of help to our Archdiocese and it is a big boost to our efforts to improve our Seminary for our future priests. I am grateful to the William H. Hannon Foundation for their generosity," said Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles.

The USC Catholic Center Campaign is raising funds to build a new Catholic Church and Community Center at USC. The new Church will seat over 400, have underground parking, an outdoor courtyard, a meditation garden and student backyard, as well as a two-story community center with a community room that seats up to 350, student lounges and study areas, a library, a family room with a fireplace, a professional kitchen and administrative offices. The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a grant of \$250,000 for the installation of the Church's new Baptismal Font.

"Our new Church will be a wonderful place of worship for USC students but also a place where Alumni will come back to USC to be married and have their children baptized. The William H. Hannon Foundation's gift of our Baptismal Font will be a significant part of Our Savior Catholic Church," said Rev. Lawrence Seyer, Pastor and Director of Our Savior Parish and Catholic Center at USC.