



Foundation Provides Fourth Consecutive Year of Support for Newman Center Religious Advisor at Occidental College

Santa Monica, CA (November 9, 2011)— For the fourth consecutive year, the William H. Hannon Foundation has renewed funding to support a Roman Catholic assistant religious advisor as part of the Newman Center at Occidental College in Los Angeles. With the initial 2007 Foundation grant, Occidental was able to create the position of assistant religious lay advisor who has been instrumental in reinvigorating Catholic life on the Occidental campus. The grant provides funding for salary and program costs, which include costs associated with students attending Catholic education and leadership conferences such as the annual Catholic Religious Education Conference held in Anaheim, California each spring.

“We greatly appreciate the support of our Roman Catholic community by the William H. Hannon Foundation,” said Susan E. Young, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Occidental College. David W. Burcham, who serves on the Board of Directors of the William H. Hannon Foundation and is President of Loyola Marymount University and an alumnus of Occidental College, initially recommended the Foundation’s support that established the assistant religious lay advisor position at Occidental.

“Our Board is extremely pleased with the fine work of Ms. Maggie Contreras in her role as the assistant religious advisor at Occidental College. She has done an outstanding job in building a Catholic community among the students on the Occidental Campus. We are happy to continue our support of this important work,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.