

## USCMA Membership and Development Report

### Membership:

*Goal: To identify, invite and welcome all US Catholic mission-sending or mission minded organizations as members of USCMA.*

#### Current state:

- We have switched to electronic renewal notices. For memberships below \$1000, we have also switched to electronic acknowledgments. Those above \$1000 will receive a phone call acknowledgment from Don. Those who did not provide email addresses will continue to receive mailed renewal notices.
- Pentecost Membership Appeal: We conducted a Pentecost Appeal for new members at Pentecost. To date, this appeal has brought in \$2,200.00 of new member income, bringing in four unique members. A few of these had been members in previous years; the appeal was helpful in bringing them back: Felician Sisters, Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, Sisters of St. Francis, and the Congregation of Notre Dame.
- Current membership total: **644**

Level	Annual Dues	Current Totals:	
<i>Affiliate</i>	<i>(memberships associated with organizations)</i>	412	<b>527</b>
<i>Complimentary</i>	<i>(former board members and selected lifetime memberships)</i>	19	
<b>Individual</b>	\$40 (\$30 for overseas missionary)	96	
<b>Supporter</b>	\$200 - \$499	65	<b>117</b>
<b>Benefactor</b>	\$500 - \$999	27	
<b>Donor</b>	\$1,000 - \$1,999	13	
<b>Patron</b>	\$2,000 - \$4,999	7	
<b>Sustainer</b>	\$5,000 - \$9,999	2	
<b>Institutional</b>	\$10,000+	4	

Some of the organizational members can be broken into the following categories.

*Diocese/Mission Office: 41*

*The typical Diocesan/Mission Office Level of Membership is the Supporter membership, at which 21 are members.*

*There are 8 individual diocesan memberships, 5 benefactors, 3 donors. The remaining 4 are affiliate memberships.*

*Religious Order: 53*

*Educational: 18*

*Advocacy Organization: 6*

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### Membership Next Steps:

We will continue to monitor the results of the Pentecost appeal. We also will conduct another appeal during October, which is the month of World Mission Sunday. It is also important to continue to monitor the current membership, so that each month we are renewing in full.

### Development:

*Goal: To identify and partner with Catholic foundations to advance the mission of USCMA.*

#### Current state:

- Grant applications have been sent to ACTA Foundation, OSV Institute, Conway Foundation, Rachael and Ben Vaughan Foundation, Raskob Foundation, Koch Foundation and Cafritz Foundation. We have received rejection and feedback notices on the Cafritz and Koch Foundation. We will need to resubmit applications in the fall for Conway and ACTA which were not received when they were sent for their spring deadlines.
- USCMA is now listed in the National Catholic Community Foundation Directory.
- We are requesting funds to pilot a program to provide webinars and other targeted mission education programming to four major groups who are involved in mission: dioceses, parishes, campus ministries, and seminaries.
- We have outlined a grant process which will increase our efficiency in sending out grants.

#### Development Next Steps:

- Grant applications will be sent to the following foundations: Porticus, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Serra International, as well as fraternal organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Knights of Malta, Knights of Peter Clavier. Further research will be done to see if applications can be sent to the following foundations with summer deadlines: the Lilly Endowment, the Louisville Institute.

#### *Other initiatives:*

- USCMA had conversations with Jonathan Lewis, Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Washington, and Rhiannon Richards, former intern with USCMA, to begin a Young Adult Missioner Board for young adults who are, or were, involved in mission activities.

### Sponsorships:

*Goal: To identify and partner with sponsors to support the programs and membership services of USCMA.*

- Identifying seminaries, parishes, dioceses and campus ministries who are involved in mission activities.
- Identifying potential sponsors for the Mission Conference, especially missionary religious institutes located in Cincinnati.

#### Current State:

- E-mails have been sent with information regarding conference sponsorships. We will also be sending a mailing with this information.

#### Sponsorships Next Steps:

- After identifying these sponsors, we will identify their mission education needs, beginning webinars and other targeted programming.
- Local contacts for potential Conference Sponsorships still need to be identified and information about the conference needs to be sent to them. Knights of Columbus, Knights of Malta, and

Knights of Peter Clavier, as well as other local organizations that might be interested in this conference opportunity.

**Other Development Initiatives:**

*Goal: To begin a Young Adult Advisory Board.*

USCMA had conversations with Jonathan Lewis, Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Washington, Rhiannon Richards, former intern with USCMA, Katie Mulembe from Catholic Volunteer Network, and Christopher Hale from Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good and Millennial Magazine, with the purpose of developing a Young Adult Advisory Board (or a Young Missioner Board).

**Current State:**

The Young Adult Advisory Board will serve two purposes: 1. They will increase the membership of USCMA among young adults and increase USCMA's awareness of the young adult missionary experience, thus helping to pass along the wisdom and experience of older USCMA members to the next generation. 2. They will be volunteers for the organization, helping especially to raise funds for the organization. We also will need volunteers for mission appeals, for assistance with research, and for help writing occasional articles about mission. USCMA will help to develop these young adults who are interested in mission and service and are in need of the professional development and mentorship which the older missionaries in USCMA can provide. At the same time, USCMA will benefit from a younger membership, new ideas, and the energy that will come with the involvement of young adults.

**Next Steps for Young Adult Initiative:**

After Krakow in the Capital, where we will let young adults know about USCMA and the board which we want to begin, we will begin assembling and meeting, beginning with listening sessions about the young adults and their experiences and what they are looking to gain from involvement on the USCMA Young Adult Advisory Board.