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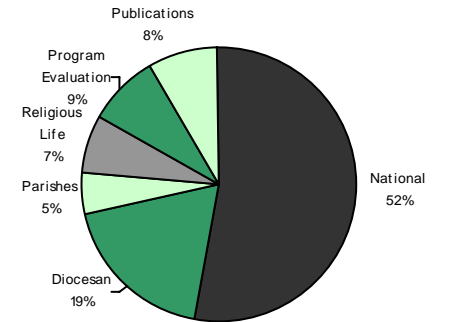
Statement of Revenue and Expenses

| | FY 2007 | FY 2006 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Projects | \$845,390 | \$833,026 |
| Publications | 70,367 | 61,155 |
| Return on Investments | 137,736 | 58,884 |
| Contributions | 565 | 1,120 |
| Total Revenue | \$1,054,058 | \$954,185 |
| Expenses | | |
| Personnel, Contractors | \$528,902 | \$500,132 |
| Occupancy | 99,223 | 102,193 |
| IT, Postage, Printing, Supplies | 73,923 | 80,944 |
| Data Outsourcing | 156,278 | 133,335 |
| Depreciation | 12,483 | 26,748 |
| Accounting, Insurance | 11,164 | 16,203 |
| Other | 23,158 | 19,801 |
| Debt Service | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$965,131 | \$939,356 |

Financial statements are available upon request.

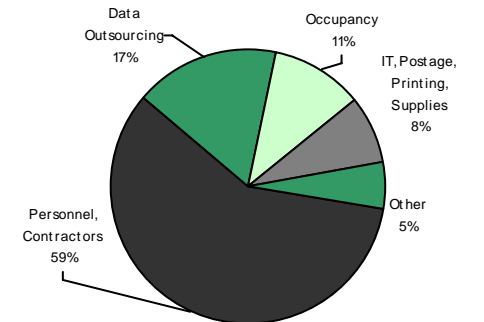
Operating Revenue FY 2007

Total Operating Revenue=\$915,757



Operating Expenses FY 2007

Total Operating Expenses=\$905,131



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CARA's Mission...

... is to discover, promote, and apply modern techniques and scientific informational resources for practical use in a coordinated and effective approach to the Church's social and religious mission in the modern world, at home and overseas.

CARA is a Georgetown University affiliated non-profit research center that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church. Founded in 1964, CARA has three major dimensions to its mission: to increase the Church's self understanding, to serve the applied research needs of Church decision-makers, and to advance scholarly research on religion, particularly Catholicism.

CARA's policy is to let research findings stand on their own and never take an advocacy position or go into areas outside its social science competence.

All CARA researchers have advanced degrees in relevant academic disciplines as well as pastoral experience.



Rev. Virgilio P. Elizondo receives CARA's 2006 Cushing Medal for the Advancement of Church Research

CARA is committed to maintaining the trust and confidence it has built as an objective observer of the Church. Dedicated to helping pastoral leaders make informed decisions, CARA provides impartial and careful analysis.

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Highlights of CARA's projects in 2006-2007 include...

National Projects

CARA conducted national-level research projects for Catholic organizations such as Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services, the International Catholic Stewardship Council, the National Catholic Educational Association, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 2007, CARA completed the final component of a study of Canon 517.2 parishes for the National Association for Lay Ministry and the partner organizations of the Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership project. The study included a 15-year trend analysis of those parishes, a survey of Parish Life Coordinators, and a series of focus groups with bishops.

Diocesan Projects

CARA provided research and demographic services for several arch/dioceses. In 2007, CARA completed a study of Black Catholics for the Office for Black Catholic Ministry in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The study included a demographic profile of Black Catholics in the Archdiocese, a census of the racial and ethnic composition of the parishes, and a survey of Black Catholic parishioners. The Archdiocese is using findings from the study to inform its ministry and evangelization efforts.

Parishes

CARA conducted parishioner surveys for more than 50 parishes in 2007. In addition to surveys commissioned by individual parishes, CARA completed surveys of all parishes in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee as part of a diocesan-wide pastoral planning process. CARA also con-

ducts parish surveys as a component of the ENVISION evangelization project for the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association.

Religious Life

CARA conducted a variety of studies for religious institutes, including the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Philadelphia, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, and the Society of Jesus. CARA is also completing a study of religious brothers for the Religious Brothers Conference. The study examines the attitudes and experiences of brothers and focuses on the distinctive aspects of religious brotherhood.

Program Evaluations

CARA provided program evaluations for groups such as the Ignatian Volunteer Corps and the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute. CARA also gathers data annually from each of the schools in the NativityMiguel Network of Schools and the Cristo Rey Network. These data are used by the individual schools as well as by their respective networks for evaluation and planning purposes.

Presentations

CARA researchers offered presentations for numerous Catholic organizations, including the Canon Law Society of America, the Catholic Press Association, the National Council of Catholic Women, and the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, and participated in

symposia at The Catholic University of America, Fordham University, the University of Dallas, and the University of Notre Dame.

Publications

The CARA Report, CARA's quarterly research publication, provides concise, readable summaries of recent social science research about the Catholic Church. *The CARA Report* was recognized for general excellence by the Catholic Press Association in 2003, 2005, and 2007.



The Catholic Ministry Formation Directory 2007 is a comprehensive listing of more than 650 priesthood, diaconate, and lay ecclesial ministry formation programs. Published biennially, the directory provides a thorough analysis of the latest trends in ministry formation.

Emerging Communities of Consecrated Life 2006 is a directory of 165 religious communities and lay movements that have organized in the United States since Vatican II and that are still in existence.

CARA produces maps for *The Official Catholic Directory* and other organizations. These maps display diocesan boundaries and other information about the Church in the United States, such as the location of parishes and schools.

