

## Revenue & Expenses

REVENUE	FY 2014	FY 2013
Projects	\$701,306	\$687,663
Publications	53,888	54,215
Contributions	54,553	28,643
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$809,747</b>	<b>\$770,521</b>
EXPENSES		
Personnel, Contractors	\$618,064	\$499,077
Occupancy	67,515	62,430
IT, Postage, Printing, Supplies	76,320	66,018
Data Outsourcing	34,421	59,017
Accounting, Insurance	17,844	17,495
Other	29,243	27,430
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$843,407</b>	<b>\$731,467</b>

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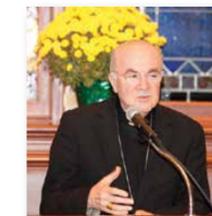
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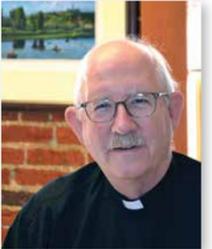


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## A Message from the Executive Director

We had a wonderful 50th Anniversary celebration on October 27, 2014 at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School. We were blessed to have Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. preside and preach at our Anniversary Mass. His homily on the importance of quiet and prayer was most fitting. Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the United States, also offered encouraging remarks on the value of research in the Church today.

We spent the past year reflecting on areas in which we want to grow but need additional funding to achieve. We discerned three areas that would help us better fulfill our mission to serve the research needs of the Church.



Father Thomas Gaunt, S.J.

### CARA INITIATED RESEARCH

Each year CARA researchers uncover relevant and useful findings that extend beyond the originally commissioned research. Our two *CARA Special Reports*—one on the impact of a year of volunteer service on vocations and the other on population trends among religious institutes of women—are good examples of CARA's further pursuit of engaging questions and data. Seldom does CARA have the resources to pursue this additional research. Funding to explore these data more fully allows our researchers to investigate a wider variety of pressing issues relevant to the Church.

### CARA STUDENT INTERNS

CARA offers an exceptional opportunity for graduate level internships for young men and women interested in the Church and social science research. These students are able to work closely with senior researchers, often accelerating their academic careers in service to the Church. By establishing a source of funding for internships, CARA will be able to offer this great opportunity more regularly.

### CARA COMMUNICATIONS

CARA is expanding our communications infrastructure. We have digitized nearly 2,000 CARA research reports and created an online catalogue so that this rich resource is available broadly. The *CARA Report*, our quarterly summary of current research, the CARA blog *1964*, the *Catholic Ministry Formation Directory* and our website are all being renewed and new efforts are underway to better communicate relevant research findings.

The support of so many friends over the past 50 years gives us a solid foundation and strong impetus to help us fulfill our mission. We look forward to the next 50 years of service to the Church. Thank you.

In Christ,

Father Thomas Gaunt, S.J.

## 50 Years of Research & Service

CARA is a non-profit research center that conducts social scientific studies about the Catholic Church. Founded in 1964, the Center 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.

Our researchers have advanced degrees in relevant academic disciplines (sociology, political science, theology, urban planning, and public administration) as well as pastoral experience.

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.

As an independent research center, CARA does not receive any subsidies from dioceses, religious communities, or educational institutions. CARA is supported by research fees and the generous donations of benefactors.



The Oblate School of Theology received the 2014 Richard Cardinal Cushing Medal for the Advancement of Church Research. Shown here are Rev. Vincent Louwagie, O.M.I., Rev. Ronald Carignan, O.M.I., Very Rev. William Antone, O.M.I., Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Rev. Thomas Gaunt, S.J., and Bishop Gerald Kicanas.

## 2014 CARA Projects — Highlights

### NATIONAL PROJECTS

CARA was commissioned by the Catholic Health Association to study executive leadership formation at Catholic health systems in the United States. The research included questions about senior leaders' evaluation of and participation in leadership formation programming as well as their familiarity with the principles and challenges of Catholic health care today. CARA found that respondents who participated in the leadership formation program of their health system were more familiar with the major tenets of Catholic health care.

### DIOCESAN PROJECTS

Among CARA research and demographic services for several U.S. dioceses was research for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This included a priest personnel projection and a demographic profile of the Archdiocese and its 15 districts.

### PARISHES

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Cultural Diversity commissioned CARA to implement a two-part study of parishes and parishioners in selected parishes serving Black or African American, Asian American or Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino, and American Indian or Alaskan Native Catholic populations. Currently in the second phase of this project, CARA is surveying the needs and opinions of parishioners who attend culturally diverse Catholic parishes to understand parish life in these communities—the fastest growing part of the Church today.

### PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

CARA conducted a comprehensive seminary evaluation for St. John's Seminary School of Theology and St. Patrick's Seminary. The goal was to learn from recently ordained alumni, mentoring pastors, parish staffs, and parishioners whether the seminaries are adequately preparing seminarians for their ministry placements today. These program evaluations help the seminaries to learn from those in ministry how well they were equipped for the life and ministry of a priest, the strengths of their formation, and the gaps in that formation.

### RELIGIOUS LIFE

The National Religious Vocation Conference enlisted CARA to conduct a study of U.S.-based religious institutes about the ways they attract and integrate culturally diverse candidates into their communities. The study learned from religious institutes about their policies, procedures and experiences with the formation and integration of candidates from cultures different than the dominant one of the institute. The information will help promote religious life and strengthen its quality so that it will better attract and retain new members. CARA research revealed the racial and ethnic composition of many religious institutes, some of their best practices in recruiting culturally diverse candidates, how they welcome culturally diverse members into an initial formation program, and how they integrate culturally diverse members into community life.

### CARA ARCHIVES

The Center was granted funds from an anonymous benefactor to assist in the digitizing and cataloging of over 2,000 research reports written by CARA since 1964. This enormous task is nearly complete and reports are now offered online in a searchable database. Please visit the website for more information.

### SPECIAL REPORTS

(Spring 2014) *Nurturing Vocations to Religious Life and Priesthood: The Impact of a Volunteer Service Year*—For many years, CARA has collected national Catholic data on the consideration given to a vocation to religious life or priesthood. The Center also recently surveyed former volunteers of the Catholic Volunteer Network and its member organizations. These volunteer alumni reported considering a vocation to religious life or priesthood at a higher proportion than their Catholic peers. This report explores the correlation of a year of volunteer service with the decision to enter religious life or a seminary and is available on the CARA website.

(Fall 2014) *Population Trends among Religious Institutes of Women*—CARA initiated a study of women religious, from data reported in *The Official Catholic Directory*. The study found that institutes of women religious have adapted to changing circumstances in a variety of ways over the last half century. In focusing on the religious institutes of women themselves, the research responds to gaps in past studies of religious sisters by presenting the more particular stories of religious institutes in the face of general diminishment. How did these religious women organize in the midst of decline? How do international institutes of women religious respond to the changing landscape in the United States? Women religious have innovated by responding with new models when old models proved ineffective. This report can be downloaded from the CARA website.

### PRESENTATIONS

This year, CARA presented “Catholic Identity, Engagement, and the Rise of the Nones” to the National Campus Ministry Conference for the Jesuit Secondary Education Association. CARA's presentation to the Mid-Atlantic Congress Leadership Forum was called, “Understanding Catholics Today: Demographics, Identity, Engagement, Pastoral Leadership and Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life.” DePaul University invited the Center to discuss “Millennial Catholics: Unity and Diversity.” CARA also presented research findings at the National Religious Vocation Conference annual meeting and at the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions annual meeting.

### ADDITIONAL RESEARCH STAFF

Jonathon Wiggins rejoined CARA in February 2014. He worked for the Center previously from 2000 to 2008, then left to become a social scientist embedded in Afghanistan with the U.S. Military, the State Department, and USAID until 2013. Currently, Jon is collaborating on projects for clients including Christian Brothers, Jesuit Secondary Education Association, and the USCCB Secretariat for Cultural Diversity.

This past summer, CARA welcomed Jonathon Holland to our research team. Jonathon comes to us with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Philosophy from Bradley University and a Masters degree in Sociology from the University of Kentucky. He is currently researching vocations to priesthood and religious life and assisting in many other ongoing projects.

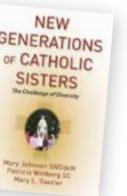
### PUBLICATIONS

For over three decades, CARA has published the *Catholic Ministry Formation Directory*, a comprehensive listing of more than 550 priesthood, diaconate, and lay ecclesial ministry formation programs. Published biennially, the directory serves as an important planning resource for parish, diocesan, and national Church decision-makers. It provides a complete picture of the available pastoral workforce and comprehensive information on all Catholic ministry formation programs as well as trends in their enrollment and staffing. The *Directory* is in production now and will be released this spring. It is offered in paper format and online as a searchable database. To order, visit the CARA website.



*Bridging the Gap: International Priests Ministering in the United States*, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2014. Researchers at CARA provide insight into the history of international priests, the current situation and emerging trends, descriptions of acculturation and ministry, and suggestions for welcoming and easing the transition for these men and the parishes they serve. This book will help everyone—bishops, priests, Church leaders, and all laity—understand and appreciate the ministry of these men and learn how to work together more effectively.

*New Generations of Catholic Sisters: The Challenge of Diversity*, Oxford University Press, 2014. Relying on two major studies of women religious conducted 10 years apart, Sr. Mary Johnson, S.N.D. de N., Sr. Patricia Wittberg, S.C., and Mary Gautier look at the experiences of women who entered religious life in the U.S. after 1965. This examination shows how the new generations of sisters differ from previous ones and what those changes suggest for the future. Because of its breadth and depth this book will be regarded by scholars, the media and practitioners as an essential resource for the sociological study of women religious.



*The Cara Report*, our quarterly research publication, provides current and concise summaries of social science research about the Catholic Church. To subscribe, please visit our website.

*1964*, the highly regarded CARA blog, has a wide readership and is often cited in religious and secular media. This past year, some of the most visited posts were “Portrait of the American Catholic Convert: Strength in New Numbers” (4/11) and “Do Catholic Schools Matter?” (6/13). Visit <http://nineteensixty-four.blogspot.com/>