

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.

All CARA researchers have advanced degrees in relevant academic disciplines 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.



Robert J. Miller, Ed.D. receives CARA's 2012 Rev. Louis J. Luzbetak, SVD, Award for Exemplary Church Research.

Highlights of CARA's projects in 2012 include...

National Projects

CARA conducted national-level research projects for Catholic organizations such as the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, the National Catholic Educational Association, L'Arche USA, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

CARA is working with Catholic Charities USA on a study of agencies that provide services to victims of human trafficking. This study includes a survey of service providers as well as focus groups of service providers in regions of the United States. The study will assist CCUSA in developing resources and advocacy in support of these service providers.

In 2012, CARA completed a national poll of Catholics about their consideration of a vocation to priesthood and religious life. Our findings revealed that there is no shortage of individuals who have *seriously* considered becoming a priest, religious brother or sister and highlighted the need to cultivate a culture of vocations.

Parishes

CARA conducted parishioner surveys for 20 parishes. CARA also completed research for The Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership project including surveys with parish leaders and parishioners in-pew in a national sample of parishes. This project is exploring how parish life is changing and adapting in a time of fewer priests and a growing Catholic population. On the diocesan-level CARA is also assisting the Archdiocese of Baltimore in a study of parish vitality.

Diocesan Projects

CARA provided research and demographic services for several archdioceses and dioceses. CARA completed a priest personnel projection for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. With the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, CARA provided the research for the *Cultivating Unity* program in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Religious Life

CARA conducted a variety of studies for religious institutes, including the Society of Jesus and the Discalced Carmelites.

A CARA study for the Discalced Carmelite Friars of the California-Arizona Province was used by the province in strategic planning for its future as the friars seek to strengthen their spiritual, prayer and community lives.

CARA also prepares an annual study of women and men professing perpetual vows in religious congregations in the United States. The USCCB uses the study to assist the media in presenting accurate and positive information about religious life.

Program Evaluations

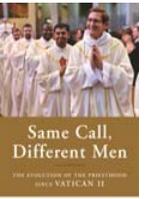
CARA evaluated programs for groups such as the USCCB Office of Cultural Diversity, the Canon Law Society of America, the Campus Ministry Leadership Institute and L'Arche.

Presentations

CARA researchers offered presentations to numerous Catholic organizations, including one for the USCCB on Catholic use of media, Bishops and Bloggers, and another on young adult Catholics at the *Parishes Working Together* conference in Minneapolis, MN.

Publications

Our recent book, *Same Call, Different Men: the Evolution of the Priesthood since Vatican II* was released by the Liturgical Press in April. Reviewers call it "a must read for anyone who wants to understand the Catholic priesthood in the United States."



The CARA Report, our quarterly research publication, provides concise, readable summaries of recent social science research about the Catholic Church.

1964, the CARA blog begun in 2009, has gathered a wide readership and is often cited in both church and secular media.

The Catholic Ministry Formation Directory 2013 is gathering data for its comprehensive listing of priesthood, diaconate, and lay ecclesial ministry formation programs. Published biennially, the directory provides a thorough analysis of the latest trends in ministry formation. The directory is also available online as a searchable database.

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.



All these publications can be found on CARA's website: cara.georgetown.edu

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Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	FY 2012	FY 2011
Revenue		
Projects	\$592,540	\$504,690
Publications	58,761	68,033
Contributions	34,455	21,616
Total Revenue	\$685,756	\$594,339
Expenses		
Personnel, Contractors	\$487,662	\$438,603
Occupancy	68,528	79,838
IT, Postage, Printing, Supplies	56,154	59,437
Data Outsourcing	24,052	30,994
Accounting, Insurance	17,708	15,976
Other	31,795	23,688
Total Expenses	\$685,899	\$648,536

Financial statements are available upon request.

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A note from the Executive Director...



Each year CARA is involved in at least 40 research projects and the CARA blog *1964* has about 30 postings. It is always interesting to see what gets picked up by the national press.

This year CARA research on Catholic use of media along with the Catholic vote, Catholic “reverts” (Catholics returning to the Church) and a response to *The Economist* article on church finance and governance were a few of the items receiving national attention.

This coming year CARA will pursue a major research project for the Catholic Volunteer Network along with our ongoing research in Catholic education, social services, and the vitality of American parishes. We are also exploring ways to communicate CARA research findings better and make them more accessible.

We will continue the award winning CARA blog *1964* in our efforts to engage and inform a broad audience on thought provoking topics and issues.

As Cara begins its 49th year serving the research needs of the church we are grateful for the support of so many friends!

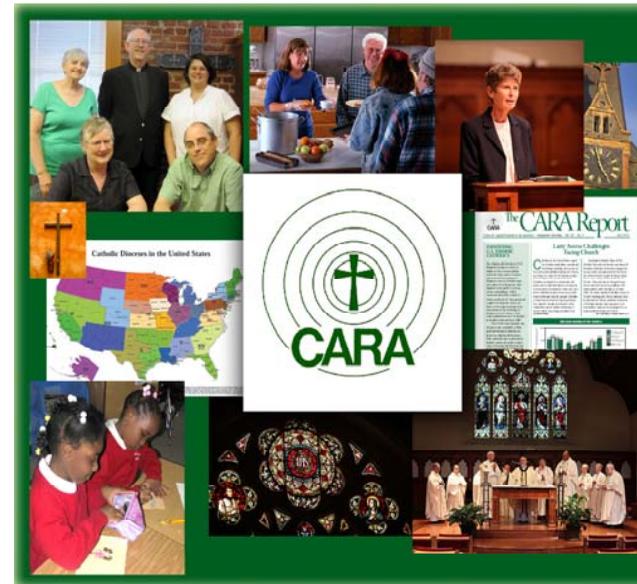
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