

ANNUAL REPORT OF CAPP-USA
To
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As specified in the 17 September 2010 MEMORANDUM CONCERNING RELATIONSHIP OF FCAPP AND CAPP-USA, paragraph 1, this report forwards the minutes of the CAPP-USA Annual Meeting. It also serves as a report of CAPP-USA's annual activity and financial reporting.

OVERALL APPROACH: CAPP-USA's activities are guided by our founding documents and Blessed Pope John Paul the Great's and Pope Benedict's several comments to CAPP over the years, as well as their many magisterial teachings. However, a key motivation for action comes from the following:

“As far as the Church is concerned, the social message of the Gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all else a basis and a motivation for action.” (CA, 57)

“I believe that the Church in America is faced with the challenge of recapturing the Catholic vision of reality and presenting it, in an engaging and imaginative way”.
(Pope Benedict XVI, Washington, DC, 18 April 2008)

These two remarks form the basis for much of our planning and actions.

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CAPP-USA

2012 Focus

Building on the direction established with Leadership Team and confirmed by the board (and in discussions with FCAPP):

1. Robert A. Nalewajek and Dr. Karen Shields Wright have, since May 2011 and continuing through November and May 2012, respectively, taken on the almost full-time duties of Co-Executive Director (ED). The hiring of an Executive Director will be a priority in 2012.
2. Fundraising and board development.
3. The creation of the CAPP Council and The CUA Center for Catholic Social Doctrine.
4. Member communication to include: CAPP-USA (at least quarterly) letters from the President, Newsletters and Chapters (monthly).
5. Creation and distribution of Spiritual development guides.
6. Creation and distribution of CST teaching guides.
7. The development of a CAPP-NY chapter in association with Fordham University.
8. Web site development.
9. CAPP-USA office set up (toll-free number, stationery, business cards, etc.)
10. In light of our newly recognized IRS status which precludes the need to file tax returns - Develop and implement Financial Protocols.
11. Focus on “what do chapters/members ‘do’?”
12. Continue with our flagship CUA/CAPP-USA CST Certificate Program.

CAPP-USA Initiatives

Today, more than ever, is our moment. It is time for Catholic laity to assert themselves as right and appropriate leaders in the “struggle of our times” against radical secularism and relativism.

Effect Key Issues: We will be a voice for CST in the Public Square. Bringing together practitioners and scholars from multiple disciplines we will promote the realization of CST’s implications on the structures of society and on the crucial political, economic and social issues facing our nation.

Also, partnering with the forthcoming *Center for Catholic Social Doctrine* at The Catholic University of America (CUA), we will: organize national conferences on critical issues; be a resource to US bishops; develop responses to social and economic issues; hold conferences for vocational groups; prepare ‘letters to the editor’; provide for member education; as well as other collaborative actions within each diocese in the country to spread the word of CST and its impact on all levels of education.

Collaborate with Universities: Our society’s future leaders will come from our colleges and universities. It is imperative that the message of CST be delivered there. Each CAPP chapter will establish a relationship with universities in their area to develop CAPP student chapters and, building on current collaborations, work with multiple departments and key faculty via structured dialogue and programs.

Dialogue with the Holy See: Blessed John Paul the Great saw CAPP as a vehicle for communication with the Holy Father and the Curia. We will facilitate forums for Curial officials and other Church leaders to interact with CAPP-USA members and interested Catholics in retreat, lecture and dialogue.

Getting the Word Out/ Evangelizing In *Ecclesia in America*, Blessed John Paul the Great called for lay Catholic leaders to form their consciences on CST. Yet this brilliant and impactful body of work is little known and even less understood. We must develop engaging and entertaining means to explain CST, including: DVD’s worthy of independent television presentation; a world class web-site with a well-developed, interactive learning center; multiple public programs; curricula for all ages; teaching guides; and, continue our flagship *Certificate Program in Catholic Social Teaching* with CUA.

Grass Root Efforts of Members and Chapters:

- Work with our Bishops – Blessed Pope John Paul the Great wanted our work to align with and support the local ordinary. We make every attempt to engage with local bishops.
- Conduct Public Programs – *“The Church’s social teaching is itself a valid instrument of evangelization” (Centesimus Annus, 54)*. Simply getting the word out on CST is evangelizing. Multiple programs are conducted locally and nationally.
- Formation of Members – *“It will be crucial to understand the social doctrine as an element that characterizes the spirituality of the lay faithful”* (Blessed John Paul the Great, Address to FCAPP, 4 December 2004). Active formation along two streams, Spiritual and Intellectual, is offered.
- Develop Affiliations – There are numerous organizations we might partner with in advancing our message. We search out relevant leaders in other organizations and pursue collaboration and joint programming.

What Do CAPP-USA Chapters “Do”?

DC Example

1. Work with the Bishop – Our founder, Blessed Pope John Paul the Great, wanted our work to align with and support the local ordinary.

ACTION: Please make every attempt to engage with Cardinal Wuerl to discuss his needs and plans. This contact and the degree of your ordinary’s involvement will, of course, vary. But you should make an attempt (through and with Msgr. Fisher) to meet with him in 2012 to identify ways CAPP might support his mission and goals. If you think it would help I, along with Domingo (if it can be so arranged during one of this visits), are available to join you.

2. Public Programs – Again, our founder instructed that “The Church’s social teaching is itself a valid instrument of evangelization.” (CA, 54). “Simply” getting the word out on CST is evangelizing. And, Pope Benedict has greatly emphasized The New Evangelization.

ACTION: Getting the word out, having CST touch lay Catholic leaders’ hearts, is a key element of what CAPP does and you have all addressed this with multiple, efficacious programs: evening lectures at local colleges and universities; Communion breakfasts (including theme focused ones for business leaders and educators; CAPP chapter awards for individuals best living CST; lunch programs, etc.). Developing and delivering public programs must represent a major focus as it aligns so closely with our mission. I also encourage you to share what you do directly with your peers. Such ‘cross pollination’ can only lead to better and bigger fruit.

3. Formation of Members - “The social commitment of the Christian laity can therefore be fed and made consistent, powerful and courageous only by a profound spirituality, that is, by a life with Jesus”. (Blessed John Paul II, Address to the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, 5 July 2003) “It will be crucial to understand the social doctrine as an element that characterizes the spirituality of the lay faithful”. (Blessed John Paul II, Address to the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, 4 December 2004) The spirituality of CAPP and its members was a key concern of our founder. Also, membership requires a good understanding of CST.

CAPP-USA’s Diocesan Ecclesiastical Counselors along with Dr. Karen Wright have developed specific program guides for CAPP members’ spiritual development. Also, we have developed an easy to use 12 part program on CST.

ACTION: Formation should be developed along two streams: Spiritual and Content.

a. Spiritual – Using the Guide (which will be sent shortly) develop an approach that incorporates member spiritual development in all aspects of our work.

Specifically, the Guide will include materials and approaches for individual, home study, business/chapter meetings, retreats and conferences for group study. The program will

include Formation Primers (introductions of a lay spirituality as it relates to CST) and Formation Tools (a variety of practices, such as Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, the Examen, and other Spiritual Exercises). The Guide will also include topical themes related to contemporary issues and the writings of Pope Benedict, Blessed John Paul the Great and other saints, along with reflection questions - ending in prayer.

b. CST Content – Using the CAPP-USA developed 12 part program in CST (which comes with: 1) slides, 2) talk – keyed to slide changes, 3) handout notes and, 4) discussion questions) schedule these 90 minute sessions for members and others.

I encourage you to reach out to chapter members for volunteers to present this program. If needed we can put together a ‘train the trainer’ program and/or help facilitate the first session. (These sessions can also be run as ‘facilitated discussions only’ by sending the “lecture” and slides beforehand along with the “notes” and then, after a brief intro/clarification Q&A, jumping right into the “questions”.)

Also, please encourage as many as possible to attend our flag ship CUA/CAPP-USA Certificate program in Washington (23-28 September 2012). Additionally, we will endeavor to send out appropriate articles on CST and how it impacts on society and our key issues as often as possible in 2012.

4. Increase Membership – New members are the life blood of all organizations.

ACTION: Develop a plan to increase membership and let’s see how many new members we might attract by year end.

5. Affiliations – This should take two forms or directions:

ACTION: a. There are numerous organizations we might ‘partner’ with in advancing our message: Order of Malta, Knights of Columbus, Legatus and the John Carroll Society come quickly to mind. Search out the relevant leaders in these (and other) organizations and pursue collaboration and joint programing. [NOTE: Due to our Pontifical status, affiliations and partnerships (aside from those mentioned here) must be approved prior to any joint programing/collaboration. To keep this simple please, for now, identify proposed affiliations to me for approval. As necessary I will consult with the Executive Committee and/or our National Ecclesiastical Counselor(s).]

b. Universities: CAPP-USA is focused on lay Catholic leaders and future leaders. In large part our future leaders will come from our colleges and universities.

i. Student Chapters – A program should be developed to pursue developing CAPP student chapters in the lay and Catholic colleges and universities in your areas.

ii. Departments/Professors – Blessed John Paul the Great told us, “the Church’s social teaching has an important interdisciplinary dimension...this teaching enters into dialogue with the various disciplines.” (CA, 59) Working with

your current university contact/department, attempt to expand CAPP's relations to other departments and key faculty via structured dialogue and programs. Such collaboration will clearly be mutually benefice. Why? "[CST] assimilates what these disciplines have to contribute, and helps them to open themselves to a broader horizon". (CA, 59)

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2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>	
Insurance	- \$ 859.00	Interest	\$ 2.06
Website	- 3,215.00	Retreats	1,016.85
Retreats	- 735.40	Communion Breakfasts	1,504.10
Marketing/Advertising	- 1,953.41	Dinner	540.00
Communion Breakfasts	- 2,184.09	PayPal 'Pings'	.68
Admin/Miscellaneous	- 74.57	Donations	14,520.00
Dinners	- 795.40	Capital Campaign	112,152.73
CUA/CAPP Cert Program	- 27,030.90	CUA/CAPP CP	34,030.00
Legal	- 8,457.33		
Vatican Speaker Program	- 3,750.00		
FCAPP Conference	- 963.35		
Capital Campaign	- 90,000.00		
TOTAL	\$140,018.45		\$163,766.42

BALANCE SHEET

12/31/09 – Cash on Hand -	\$ 60,946.29		
2010 - Expenses	- 140,018.45		
2010 - Income	- 163,766.42		
12/31/10 - Cash on Hand -	\$ 84,692.01		
		Operating: \$50,311.47; PayPal: \$2,225.90;	
		CC, Checking: \$25.00; CC, Savings: \$32,129.64	

CAPP-CUA Certificate Program

Net, cumulative, 5 year CUA/CAPP Cert Program Balance - \$8,313.37

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<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		
Insurance	-	\$ 859.00	Interest (CC)	\$ 135.71
Retreats	-	1,102.90	Retreats	985.00
Communion Breakfasts	-	1,893.00	Communion Breakfasts	420.00
Website	-	9,229.25	FCAPP Payment	936.74
Marketing/Advertising	-	4,263.26	Capital Campaign	30,000.00
CUA/CAPP Cert Program	-	14,504.88	CUA/CAPP CP	14,970.00
Admin/Miscellaneous	-	661.56	Donations	17,310.00
Legal	-	215.00		
FCAPP Conference	-	1,773.67		
Tax Preparation (2009)	-	2,000.00		
Program	-	105.00		
Recognition/Awards	-	1,166.00		
TOTAL		\$37,773.52		\$64,757.45

BALANCE SHEET

12/31/10 – Cash on Hand -		\$ 84,692.01	
2011 - Expenses	-	37,773.52	
2011 - Income	-	64,757.45	
12/31/11 - Cash on Hand -		\$111,675.94	
		Operating: \$47,159.69; PayPal: \$2,225.90;	
		CC, Checking: \$25.00; CC, Savings: \$62,265.35	

CAPP-CUA Certificate Program

Net, cumulative 6 year CUA/CAPP Cert Program Balance - \$8,778.49