CHAIR’S GOALS

The primary objective for this last year of my tenure as Chair of the Cummins Institute has been to develop strategies for increased participation of the Cummins Institute, both across the College campus and with external constituencies. To this end, The Cummins Institute continued to work with The John Henning Institute for Catholic Social Teaching and the Episcopal Lecture Series and as Chair I have made presentations to the Board of Trustees, a luncheon gathering of the Class of 1959, to the President’s Club of Southern California, to the Inter-cultural Club, and lectured at Saint John’s College, Annapolis in my capacity as Chair of the Cummins Institute.

Furthermore, The Cummins Institute continues to be represented on the College’s Committee on Inclusive Excellence, The John Henning Institute Board, and the Mission Assessment Committee.

The second objective was to provide increased in-service opportunities for the Governing Board for a better understanding of what it means to be a Catholic intellectual. To this end, the Governing Board met to discuss Pope John Paul II’s *Address to Xavier University of New Orleans*. Brother Mel Anderson, FSC, former President of Saint Mary’s College, and Father Thomas McElligott, Chaplain to the Saint Mary’s College Brothers’ Community, both gave presentations to the Governing Board and discussed the intersection of the Catholic and liberals arts traditions. The Governing Board also discussed the pamphlet, “A United Endeavor: Promising Practices in General Education at Catholic Colleges and Universities.”

Times were set aside for the discussion on the book *Where is Knowing Going?* by Father John Haughey in anticipation of his coming to the College to give a lecture on what makes Saint Mary’s College Catholic?

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**Institute for Catholic Higher Education Administrators** – The Institute continues to support attendance at the Institute. Marie Lawler, Director of Mission and Ministry attended this year’s session.

**Association for Catholic Colleges and Universities** - The Cummins Institute sponsored the attendance of Brother Charles Hilken, FSC at the ACCU’s Rome Seminar in June during which participants meet with faculty and administrators of other Catholic institutions of higher
education and with personnel of various secretariats at the Vatican. [Registration and Fees $1,675]

Brother Donald Mansir, FSC and Professor David Gentry-Akin have attended this Rome Seminar. The Institute is in conversation with the administration of the Foyer Unitas in Rome about a more formal relationship

**Collegium** – Saint Mary’s College’s membership continues to be supported by the Institute in the amount of $3,500. This year, no member of the campus community was available to attend. Collegium was willing to accept the participation of one of our alumni, Nathan Garcia, as a graduate fellow. Nathan recently completed his MTS at Boston College and is now teaching theology at Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, Texas. He hopes to pursue a doctorate in theology.

**Montini Fellow** – The Governing Board honored Sister Mary Peter Traviss, OP for her contributions to Catholic higher education, naming her the Institute’s Montini Fellow for 2009. Sister Mary Peter spent a week in November at the College and has subsequently been asked to assist with doctoral students at the College’s School of Education. In addition to expenses connected to the events during the week the Montini Fellow is on campus [appr. $2,000], an honorarium is given to the Fellow in the amount of $4,000.

**Veritas** – The Institute published the scheduled three editions of its magazine. [appr. $10,000]

**John Henning Institute for Catholic Social Teaching** – The Institute continues to set aside up to $5,000 to support work of the Henning Institute. This year funds were given primarily to support the Episcopal Lecture Series. This year’s presenters were The Most Reverend Stephen Blaire, Bishop of Stockton, who spoke on the encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* and The Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland, who spoke on the encyclical, *Caritas in Veritatae*.

The Institute also supported the Henning Institute’s Dinner honoring Dennis Kelly ’67, held in June.

**Katie Springer God and Science Forum** – Organized by the School of Science and the InterVarsity Club, this year’s topic was waste and the environment, entitled *Wast-o-logy 101*.

**Mission and Ministry** - The Institute budgets up to $5,000 to support work of the Mission and Ministry Office. This year the Institute assisted with:

- **Oscar Romero Remembrance** – Support for the Office of Mission and Ministry’s events on the occasion of the anniversary of his martyrdom, “A Romero Remembrance,” in March. [ $1,142..57]

- **United Nations/Rights of the Child** – The Institute provided Mission and Ministry with a grant in the amount of $1,327.11.
**Fides et Ratio Institute** - Attendance at the Institute’s Seminars are by invitation. The Cummins Institute supported attendance at the seminars at Wyoming Catholic College for Brother Donald Mansir, FSC and for Professor Steven Cortright at the University of Notre-Dame, by funding travel expenses for the two participants.

Professor David Gentry-Akin attended the seminars at Wyoming Catholic College.

**Respect for Life Club** – Support for the lecture given by Serrin Foster, President, Feminists for Life. [$1,000]

**Lecture by Father John Haughey, SJ** - The Institute provided all Governing Board members as well as interested faculty and staff with Father Haughey’s book *Where is Knowing Going?* Three discussion groups were scheduled prior to Father Haughey coming to the College to lecture on what makes Saint Mary’s College Catholic?

**CILSA** – The Institute supported CILSA’s invitation to Mary Beckman and Bill Purcell to come to the College to speak.

For complete list of financial support, see Appendix A.

**GOVERNING BOARD**
There was better representation from the students this academic year, though due to scheduling the student representatives were unable to make the last two meetings.

Dean of the School of Science, Brian Jersky, left the College in December. Since Interim Dean, Roy Wensley was already on the Board, no replacement was made.

There has been some discussion on the appropriateness of having a member on the Governing Board from Advancement and from College Communications.

[See Appendix B for Governing Board Members and Committees]

**NEW CHAIR**
In collaboration with the Governing Board, a job description for the Chair was completed and a process for the selection of a new Chair confirmed by the President and Provost, who appointed Brother Charles Hilken, FSC to a three year term, beginning September 14, 2010.

**CARRY OVER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
Issues and concerns raised during meetings and discussions include:
1. Since the aim of Catholic education is the Truth, how can faculty, staff, and students be encouraged to care about the Truth? What pedagogy bests suits this aim? What faculty development and in-service might be helpful to this pursuit and pedagogy?

2. Do we know what students bring to Saint Mary’s College in terms of religious education, Scripture, social justice? What are we adding to what students come with? Assessment needs to be considered. What are the benchmarks which direct assessment?

3. The notion of interdisciplinarity and integration, especially as exhorted by John Paul II in *Ex corde ecclesiae* continues to be discussed in light of his call for courageous creativity.

4. The importance of advising continues to be discussed.

5. What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge; between meaning and information? How is this difference reflected in our curriculum?

6. How does the College promote the dignity of the human person based on Catholic anthropology?

7. What follow-ups can be provided to the Episcopal lectures?

**CHAIR’S PERSONAL/CONCLUDING REMARKS**

When I was first appointed Chair of the Institute, I was instructed by the President and Provost to develop strategies which would give the Institute a higher profile both on campus and off. To this end, a webpage has been arranged which includes talks and presentations by Montini Fellows, Episcopal lecturers, and others, as well as links to related sites. The Institute journal, *Veritas*, has published five issues with a circulation list which includes all members schools of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Presidents of all Catholic colleges and universities in California, Bishops of California, parishes in the Diocese of Oakland, and members of the campus community. In my capacity as Chair, I have attended a number of conferences and institutes and have made presentations in my capacity as Chair of the Cummins Institute.

Bishop Cummins, Ron Olowin, Ted Tsukahara and I have met with off-campus groups and organizations in our capacities as members of the Governing Board in order to promote better communication and to investigate formal links with those organizations and schools interested in promoting the Catholic intellectual tradition, including the US Bishops Committee on Science and Human Values. *Fides et Ratio* Institute, John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, D.C., and the Institute for Islamic Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.

Finally, there is an office space dedicated to the Institute in Filippi Hall which provides a place for meetings and materials.

Members of the Governing Board have asked that more in-service opportunities be provided. To this end, the Institute has purchased significant texts, scheduled discussions and reading sessions on texts, sponsored members to attend conferences and has brought speakers onto campus in hopes that the members become more articulate and conversant in the Catholic intellectual tradition.
It is my hope that the Institute continue to advance the Catholic intellectual tradition by members participating on campus committees, Collegiate Seminar, Core Curriculum Implementation Committee, Program Review Board, and Rank and Tenure, in particular. It is my further hope that the institute be in communication with the Vice President for Advancement to discuss the appropriateness of fund-raising for the Institute.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to Bishop John Cummins for his support to me personally and to the work of the Institute and Saint Mary’s College, to all of the members of the Governing Board over these past six years, and to Sally Jamison who has been a wonderful assistant to me.

Respectfully and in Christ the Teacher,

Brother Donald Mansir, FSC
14 September 2010
Feast of the Exultation of the Cross
# APPENDIX A

## The Bishop John S. Cummins Institute for Catholic Thought, Culture and Action  
Saint Mary's College of California  
Financial Statement - FY 2009-10

### INCOME

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Governing Board Membership

2009 – 2010

Serving by Position:
Chair of Theology and Religious Studies: Michael Barram
Director of Mission and Ministry: Maria Lawler
Director of the Henning Institute: Ted Tsukahara
Director of CILSA: Marshall Welch
Vice President for Mission: Carole Swain
Vice Provost for Student Life: Jane Camarillo
Vice Provost for Academics: Frances Sweeney
ASSMC Student Body President: Bailey Hasty, vice-president Lindsey Vaccaro designated

Representatives Appointed by the President and Provost [Three-year terms]:
One academic dean: Brian Jersky, Dean of the School of Science [2008 – 2010]
One student life dean: Scott Kier, Dean of Students [October 2006 -]
One faculty representative from each of the undergraduate schools:
  School of Science: Roy Wensley [2009- ]
  School of Liberal Arts: David Gentry-Akin [2006-]
  School of Economics and Business Administration:
One faculty representative of the graduate schools:
One staff representative: Jeanne DeMatteo [2009 -]
Two student representatives: Danny Rodriguez [2009 – 2010]

Chair: Brother Donald Mansir, FSC [2004 – 2010]
Seefurth Chair: Bishop John S. Cummins

Administrative Assistant: Sally Jamison [2009 -]

Governing Board Committees

2009 – 2010
Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee will be composed of the Chair, Administrative Assistant, and two members of the Governing Board.
- The Committee proposes a yearly budget to the Board for approval.
- The Committee establishes “Guidelines for the Application for Assistance for Activities and Events.”
- The Committee reviews all requests for assistance from persons and organizations which do not have membership on the Governing Board according to the approved “Guidelines.”
- The Committee makes decisions on all requests up to $1,500. Requests for more than $1,500 must have the approval of the Governing Board. Decisions are made in line with the total amount for non-Governing Board activities approved by the Board each year.

Members: Brother Donald Mansir, FSC [May 2005 - 2010], Sally Jamison [ September 2009-], Scott Kier [ October 2006 - ], Marie Lawler [ September 2009 - ]

Events & Programs

- The Events and Programs Committee is responsible for the major activities and events of the Governing Board, at least one in the Fall Semester and one in the Spring Semester. The purpose of these events and programs is to promote the Catholic intellectual tradition at Saint Mary's College. Proposed activities are presented at a Governing Board meeting for approval. Events are in line with the total amount for Governing Board activities approved by the Governing Board year.

No member of the Board is precluded from suggesting sponsorship for any event or activity at any meeting.

Members: David Gentry-Akin [May 2005-], Carole Swain [May 2005-]

Montini Fellow Sub-Committee: Brother Donald Mansir, FSC, Carole Swain, Sally Jamison