

Funding Workshops for Religious

Basic: September 6 – 10, 2010

Advanced: September 13 – 17, 2010

Jubilee Community Centre, Rome

“I am very grateful to Sister Mary and Brother Allan who initiated me into this ministry of seeking funds for the missions in need. After the three cyclones hit Haiti and devastated completely our mission there in September, 2008, I was able to get funds from 3 foundations, using what I learned in the workshops, They were prompt to respond and helped us with relief funds for Haiti.”

Sr. Renee Quadros, Councilor, Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition

“We are happy to inform you that as a result of attendance at the funding workshop in 2007, several provinces of CJ have been successful in their applications for funding from grant-making agencies. They had meetings in their provinces, and several sisters became interested in writing applications. Below is a list of 14 projects funded by ten different agencies, in India, Mongolia, Korea and Nepal.”

Sr. Benita Mekkatil, Bursar, Congregation of Jesus

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These workshops in English discuss major techniques of fund development, with an emphasis on grant applications and donor relations. They combine theory and the fruit of experience with hands-on practice. A computer lab with high-speed Internet and wireless access for laptops facilitates grant research.

The **basic** workshop concentrates on the writing of grant proposals and finding sources that fund particular types of projects. Step-by-step participants learn—and practice-- how to write each part of a grant proposal.

The **advanced** workshop deals with more complex aspects of fund development: donor relations, techniques besides grant-writing, developing a donor base, funding from the European Union and ways of accessing it, etc. Many participants choose to attend both seminars.

Topics covered include:

- Finding funding sources for specific projects
- Using the Internet to find help
- The Project Cycle
- Preparing applications for funding agencies
- Special events; fund-raising; gifts-in-kind; local support
- Collaboration with local, national and international organizations
- Budgets; financial reports and fiscal responsibility
- Evaluating the effectiveness of a project
- Understanding how funding agencies operate
- Setting up a solidarity or mission procurator's office
- Narrative reporting requirements of donors
- Nurturing the donor relationship

Presenters:

Sister Mary Ewens, OP has been on the “asking” side in several administrative positions. As Director of the Hilton Fund for Sisters, she handled over 1,000 projects of sisters working among the poor. She has presented workshops in Colombia, Argentina, Guatemala, Lithuania, Rome.

Brother Allen Sherry, FMS has worked for many years finding funding for the missions of Marist Brothers in developing countries. He was the first Director of the Marist Brothers' Solidarity Office in Rome and has been a consultant to many congregations.

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