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## CATHOLIC YOUTH FOUNDATION USA PRESIDENT

# PRESS RELEASE

## *First President of the Catholic Youth Foundation USA*

**Washington, D.C., June 24, 2011:** The Catholic Youth Foundation USA (CYFUSA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Donald R. McCrabb as its first president. Founded nearly 20 years ago, CYFUSA strengthens the faith and Catholic identity of Catholic youth and the skills and competence of the adults who minister to them through scholarships and grants. A subsidiary of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, CYFUSA awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to the National Catholic Youth Conference, and eight start-up grants totaling over \$22,000 in 2011.



Bob McCarty, CYFUSA board member and executive director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, said "Don's passion for the church and experience in ministry are a blessing to the Catholic Youth Foundation USA. Don is, indeed, a wonderful addition to our team and his leadership will enable CYFUSA to better support youth ministry efforts at the local, diocesan, and national levels."

Don McCrabb joins the CYFUSA after serving with the Catholic Leadership Institute as a faculty member for *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds*—a 29-day leadership formation program for priests—and as a curriculum consultant for *Tending the Talents*, a leadership formation program for parish and diocesan leaders. A pastoral theologian, Don served as assistant professor of Pastoral Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., from 1999 to 2008. Other teaching assignments include such prestigious universities as The Catholic University of America, the University of Dayton, Wright State University, and Wheeling Jesuit University.

Don authored *The Parish Self Study Guide* with Jonathon Wiggins when he served as Senior Consultant to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. He has been an organizational consultant for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Educational Association, CARA, the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and several Catholic universities. He authored catechetical materials for the NCEA's *Effective Catholic Preaching* (due out September 2011) and developed a mentoring program for Prison Outreach ministry in 2010.

In 1996, Don received the Archbishop Hallinan Award from the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) for his instrumental role in the growth and development of campus ministry as CCMA's executive director. He holds an earned doctor of ministry from United Theological Seminary (2008) and a masters of arts in theology (1978) from the University of Dayton.

Recognized as a leader in ministry development, Don's fundraising experience includes his efforts as CCMA's executive director, as director of development for Sojourners, and grant writing for the Dominican House of Studies, CARA, and other Catholic organizations.

Don resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife Barbara. They have three sons and two granddaughters. They are active members of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

### **About the Catholic Youth Foundation USA**

Catholic Youth Foundation USA (CYFUSA) is building a faithful future by financially supporting the Catholic Church's pastoral ministry to, with, by, and for young people. CYFUSA partners with the Catholic faith community to underwrite resources for youth leadership development, adult ministry formation, creative programs in catechesis, service and pastoral care, and development of youth ministry programs for culturally diverse communities. It partners with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry ([www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org)) to promote effective and innovative youth ministry to assure a faithful future. For more information, see [www.cyfusa.org](http://www.cyfusa.org). You can contact Don McCrabb at [dmccrabb@cyfusa.org](mailto:dmccrabb@cyfusa.org)

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