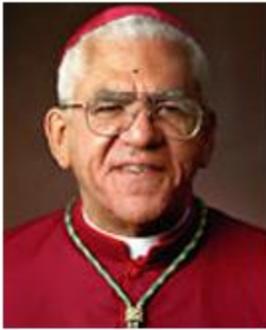


Daughters of Wisdom Award \$86,000 in 2016 Mission Fund Grants

\$86,000 will go to six organizations this year through the awarding of the Daughters of Wisdom's Mission Fund Grants. Three organizations will receive a second year of funding and three others will join them as this year's recipients.

The Mission Fund established in 2012, awards grants up to \$15,000 on a yearly basis, and allows for two consecutive years of funding. The fund was established to keep the congregation thriving through funding projects that are consistent with the mission of the Daughters of Wisdom. Such are those that address injustice, violence, poverty and oppression, especially among women and children.

The **Haitian Apostolate Inc.** in Brooklyn, NY, **Bon Secours Maryview Foundation Healthcare Center** of Portsmouth, Virginia and the **Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants** based in Chicago, Illinois, will receive funding for a second year and first year grants will go to **L'Arche Long Island, NY**, **New Opportunities** of Torrington, CT and **Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer** in Freeport, NY.



It's the second year of funding for the Haitian Apostolate Inc. in Brooklyn, NY. Grant money will put towards continuing the production of bible videos translated into Creole and English and aired in the US, Canada, Europe and Haiti. The Apostolate reaches out to immigrants and operates a Creole school of Evangelization in Brooklyn, NY. The videos are narrated by Bishop Guy

Sansaricq, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and founder of the Haitian Apostolate. Bishop Sansaricq, whose sister is a Daughter of Wisdom in Haiti, was endorsed by the Daughters of Wisdom for a second year of grant money. His videos are provided to TV stations, Catholic high schools and colleges. Bishop Guy Sansaricq and his team have a YouTube Channel

at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi3LCoGhSjsl1wH5a46FJVQ>



It's also second the year of funding for Bon Secours Maryview Foundation Healthcare Center of Portsmouth, Virginia. The Maryview Foundation Healthcare Center (MFHC) has become a place to bridge the gap between health and healing for residents 18 years of age or older without health insurance and who have income levels less than 200% above the Federal Poverty level. Again this year, MFHC will

use grant money to expand their vision services to all patients in order to better manage diseases and prevent vision impairment. The center sees about 600 patients a month and is the primary care medical group for nearly 4,000 patients. Last year's grant money was used to target over 100 individuals suffering from diabetes to prevent diabetic retinopathy, a primary cause of blindness in adults. Patients enrolled received eye exams and eyewear to prevent blindness. Last year's program was so successful this year's goal is to see 118 more patients and supply eye exams and glasses if needed. The clinic also provides transportation for patients.

Sr. Christina Grace Malonzo, DW, who endorsed the program said, "This is a big help to these people who are in the GAP. We are working hard to have Medicaid Expansion for these people, but it has been and still is a very challenging effort. Bless you for your consideration and generosity!" To find out more about Bon Secours Maryview Foundation Healthcare Center, visit www.bsvaf.com



Based in Chicago, Illinois the **Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants** will be receiving grant money to be put toward their Post- Detention Accompaniment Network (PDAN) program's food budget. Funding will support the Marie Joseph Hospitality Houses for men, women, families and Children. The ICDI works toward providing those experiencing poverty and oppression in an unjust immigration policy providing not only basic material needs but pastoral care and accompaniment in their journey.

Endorsed for their work by Sr. Rosemary Connelly, DW, ICDI has five programs addressing the needs of the undocumented including the Broadview Prayer Vigil, Court Watch Jail Visitation, two PDAN programs, and Pastoral Care of unaccompanied minor children. ICDI is privately funded through grants and individual donations. To find out more about ICDI visit www.icdichicago.org

L'Arche Long Island is a first time recipient of grant money. Founded in 1964, L'Arch is a faith-based not-



L'Arche Long Island



for-profit international federation dedicated to the creation and growth of homes, apartments, programs, and support networks for individuals 18 years and older with disabilities.

L'Arche was endorsed by Sr. Laura Algiere, DW, who said, "For close to 20 years, neighborhood families have worked towards developing a live-in L'Arche community here. Their untiring efforts to educate and involve the public, and their dedication to enriching lives through Faith and Light groups inspired me to offer our assistance. L'Arche's mission resonates with our charism as Montfort and Marie Louise first expressed it in ministering at the General Hospital of Poitiers three centuries ago."

The agency will use grant money to support its community Integration, Education and Outreach Initiative to introduce a new L'Arche community residence and social/recreational center in Suffolk County, New York and self-identify with members of the community. Community life and spiritual development are at the heart of the identity of L'Arche. The community center will allow the agency to focus on spiritual development as a community within a larger community and be a place of welcoming new friends to L'Arche. To find out more about L'Arche Long Island, go to <http://www.friendsoflarcheli.org/>

First time grant recipient **New Opportunities** of Torrington, CT has as its mission is to improve the quality of life for economically disadvantaged individuals by providing the necessary resources to increase their standard of living, foster self-improvement, and maximize self-empowerment. Endorsing this organization was Sr. Rosemarie Greco, DW, who said, "I believe the focus and vision of this organization is consistent with the ministry goals of the Daughters of Wisdom, namely to see Wisdom in those most vulnerable especially people living in poverty and oppression....The support of the Congregation will give impetus to this endeavor to strengthen Latina women and girls in Northwest Connecticut."



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The agency serves Waterbury, Meriden, Torrington and 26 surrounding [Connecticut towns](#), offering a variety of social service [programs](#) designed to eliminate poverty and assist people in need. Annually, more than 61,000 individuals benefit from programs offered through New Opportunities. Grant money will be used to support two goals in its Latinas Women Association: to develop a conference for Latina women emphasizing leadership skills, personal development, life skills and financial planning; and to provide weekly mentoring/tutoring programs for young Latina girls in middle and high school offering Hispanic folk dance instruction to support and encourage continuing education To find out more about New Opportunities, go to: <http://www.newopportunitiesinc.org/>

The Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer is a Catholic religious congregation founded in 1864 in



Spain by Bishop Jose Maria Benito Serra, OSB and Antonia de Oviedo Schonthal, OSR for the evangelization and integral human development of marginalized and exploited women.

In keeping with this charism, the **Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer in Freeport, NY** work with survivors of Human Trafficking and sexual exploitation by providing housing and a safe-haven where women can heal and reclaim their lives. The Sisters are also

advocates, who raise awareness about exploitation of women and girls by encouraging individuals, law makers, and social service providers to focus their efforts on this problem.

Both Sr. Evelyn Lamoureux, DW and Associate of Wisdom, Maryse Haig endorsed the work of the **Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy**. Associate, Maryse Haig, said, "The healthcare provided is very important for the welfare of these young women, so they can be respected and have a normal life in the society." Sr. Evelyn Lamoureux, DW added, "Their work resonates with us because they serve the poorest of the poor. They provide a temporary home for women who have been trafficked and abused and are in need of shelter."

Grant money will be used to provide basic needs for a year for women including health care, counseling, therapy, education, job preparation, and assistance and accompaniment in the documentation process to acquire identification. To find out more about The Oblate Sisters of the Most Holy Redeemer in Freeport, NY, go to: <http://www.oblatesistersnewyork.org/>

Applications for the submission of grant proposals are announced annually in the spring and grants are awarded in the fall after a review by the Provincial Council. Grants up to \$15,000 are available to organizations that share the values and emphasis of the Sisters' mission. Organizations may apply for two consecutive years of funding. The application process is multi-phased, including a pre-application and review, followed by the submission of a final application. The second phase begins with a grant application being sent to those determined to meet the mission criteria in the pre-application process. Organizations must be working in ministry with a Sister or have the endorsement of a Daughter of Wisdom.