**Our Sunday Visitor Institute**

# Funding Application

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# General Information

The Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture

University of St. Thomas

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# General Requirements

1. The Siena Symposium is a faculty sponsored project of the University of St. Thomas (MN), which appears in the current publication of The Official Catholic Directory at page 1226.
2. The University of St. Thomas is organized as a non-profit organization, and has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service concerning its exempt status. Please see a copy of this letter, attached as Appendix A.
3. The local Ordinary has provided a letter of support, which is attached as Appendix B.
4. Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture is an interdisciplinary faculty association of faithful Catholic women professors of law, philosophy, theology, and business who seek to develop and promote interdisciplinary scholarship reflecting the insights of the Catholic faith. Responding to the Blessed John Paul’s call in *Evangelium Vitae* to develop a new feminism, we support research into the nature and vocation of woman as individuals and as man’s helpmate as set forth by John Paul II in Mulieris Dignitatem. We provide educational programs for scholars and other members of the laity on the feminine genius, and how men and women can work together in reclaiming the Culture of Life and establishing a Civilization of Love. Our leadership structure involves two co-directors from different academic disciplines, and a board of advisors of Catholic scholars from a variety of academic units within the university.
5. The University of St. Thomas is a Catholic, diocesan university based in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The names of the University Board of Directors are attached as Appendix C.

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**Project Information**

1. Siena Symposium is requesting $ 38,550
2. Description of the Project:

The Siena Symposium is seeking funding to support “Women as Prophets Leading through Truth: 25 Years of *Mulieris Dignitate,”* a national interdisciplinary conference. We welcome papers on prophecy and women, woman saints who practiced prophetic leadership, the role of the feminine genius in restoring cultures of life across the globe, and the truths indispensable for enabling women to humanize their workplaces, societies, and the state.

1. A copy of the proposed budget for the project is attached as Appendix D.
2. A copy of our most recent annual report is attached at Appendix E.
3. We will promote/market this project in two ways: 1) we will coordinate with the Minnesota and Wisconsin Catholic Conferences as well as the Archdiocese of Saint Paul-Minneapolis to publicize the public presentations through public calendars and bulletin announcements; 2) we will use electronic media such as list servers, blogs, electronic bulletin boards, and Facebook postings and email lists.
4. We have two primary criteria for success: publication of the best conference presentations either in a collection by Our Sunday Visitor or in peer-reviewed journals; and, the number of attendees for public lectures. Our goal is to publish ten high quality papers on women as prophets and other implications of *Mulieris Dignitate,* and to have a minimum of 100 attendees for the keynote presentations.
5. The anticipated outcome of this project is three-fold. First, it will inspire scholars to devote time and energy in researching how women can further the truths of our faith in their homes, work, and culture. Second, it will offer scholars the rare opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and to workshop articles on issues important to the Church. Third, the public lectures will provide adult catechesis on the vocation of women—and that of men as set forth in *Mulieris Dignitate*.
6. Not applicable.
7. The archdiocese will assist by promoting the public lectures through its ordinary means of publicizing adult education opportunities.
8. Participants will be charged $40 for a public banquet closing the conference.
9. It is not possible to list all speakers for this conference, since the call for papers cannot be issued until funding is secured. But we would like to extend the following invitations.

Marquerite Peeters to speak on Women and the Recovery of Culture

Mary Devlin Cappizzi to speak on Catholicism and Current Legal Challenges

Janet Smith to speak on Current Challenges Facing Prolife Women

Bishop Lee Piche to speak on Spirituality for Women Prophets

Seana Sugrue on Families in Crisis: The Missing Virtues

Colleen Carroll Campbell: Women Saints as Prophets: Lessons in Leadership

Maria Sophia Aguirre on the Economy and the Feminine Genius

1. n/a
2. This project conforms to OSVI’s “Special Areas of Concern” in two ways. First, the project addresses vocations insofar as academics are called by God to be an advocate of truth in their own areas of expertise. But research requires peer review and many faithful Catholic academics do not have the opportunity to receive feedback on their area of research because the presuppositions of many disciplines are increasingly becoming hostile to the truths of Catholicism. The conference shall be inviting papers in each of its core areas of interdisciplinary interest: law, business, theology and philosophy.

Secondly, the conference also addresses OSVI’s special concern with the development of programs designed to contribute in concrete ways to the evangelization and defense of the Catholic faith. Our faith calls us to create a culture in which the dignity, equality, and complementarity of the sexes be recognized and respected. This conference will assist scholars in articulating ways in which the feminine genius can promote an authentic understanding of the person in our homes, our markets, and the public square.

1. The applicant has not applied for funding from any other organization or individual for the purposes stated in this application.
2. The Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture at the University of St. Thomas has never applied for or received a grant from Our Sunday Visitor.
3. The proposed budget will be administered by the contact person, R. Mary Hayden Lemmons, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Co-Director of the Siena Symposium. Professor Lemmons’s address is JRC 241, Philosophy Department at the University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105; email: rmlemmons@stthomas.edu; phone 651-962-5357

# Appendices

Appendix A – Copy of IRS determination letter for UST Appendix B – Letter from local Ordinary

Appendix C – List of UST Board of Directors

Appendix D – Proposed Budget

Appendix E – Annual Report

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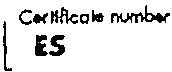
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APPENDIX A

Grants Administrator

Our Sunday Visitor Institute

200 Noll Plaza

Huntington, IN 46750

Dear Grants Adminstrator:

I write in support of the grant application of the Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture at the University of St. Thomas to Our Sunday Visitor Institute. I am well familiar with the activities of the Siena Symposium. Last year during the Fortnight for Freedom, in conjunction with the Minnesota Catholic Conference, Siena hosted a remarkably successful panel discussion by three women professors regarding the adverse impact of the HHS Contraceptive Coverage Mandate on religious liberty. Over 150 Catholics attended. The Symposium has also enriched the life of the Archdiocese by hosting well-attended public presentations by such notable Catholic women as Sr. Prudence Allen R.S.M. and most recently Professor Helen Alvare.

The conference proposed by the Siena Symposium will provide important scholarship on the true nature of complementarity and its value in building a civilization of love. There is a clear need for such an initiative in light of the current cultural debate on the nature of human sexuality and gender.

I strongly endorse the “Women as Prophets Leading through Truth: 25 Years of Mulieris Dignitate,” conference of the Siena Symposium at the University of St. Thomas.

Cordially yours,

#### The Most Reverend Jolm C. Nienstedt Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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**Appendix D**

**Proposed Budget**

**BENEFITS FOR OUR SUNDAY VISITOR INSTITUTE**

OSVI will be indispensable for the success of the *Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture—*especially in the preparation of any materials for publication.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CONFERENCE AND PROCEEDINGS**

Conference meals and coffee service

* + - $ 50 per day per participant ($150 x 35) $ 5,250

Conference housing

* + - 3 nights @ $100 per night per participant ($300 x 35) $15,750

Travel assistance

- Up to 7 participants @ $ 500 per participants ($500 x 7) $ 3,500

Registration scholarships

--up to 10 participants @ $50 per participant ($500) $ 500

Stipends for the key note speakers 6 keynotes $ 7,200

Travel for keynote speakers $ 2,500

Publicity $ 500

Clerical assistance $ 1,000

**Conference coordinator $ 2,000**

Duplication of conference materials $ 350

**TOTAL $ 38,550**

**August 29, 2012**

***Siena Symposium for Women, Family, and Culture***

**2011- 2012 Annual Report**

**I: Accomplishments and Activities**

1. Organized and held two colloquia: Fall, 2011: Dr. Deborah Savage presented her paper on “The Nature of Woman in Relation to Man”; Spring, 2012: noted philosopher and scholar Sister Prudence Allen, Ph.D. delivered several important public talks to various audiences.
2. Established the *Siena Symposium Humanitarian Leadership Award* and presented our inaugural award to Sr. Prudence Allen in April, 2012.
3. At the invitation of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, presented a public forum in solidarity with the USCCB Fortnight of Freedom on June 27, 2012. The forum was moderated by Siena Symposium member, Dr. Jeanne Buckeye and three other members of the Symposium (Teresa Collett, Dr. Mary Lemmons, and Dr. Deborah Savage) presented on the topic “Religious Liberty and the Equality of Women” to a standing room only crowd. The evening was considered quite successful. IRT made it available on “You-tube”. Here is link to the video stream of the event: <http://youtu.be/Apaz3M61rm0>. It will also be available on the local Catholic TV station, St. Michael’s Broadcasting.
4. Identified and added several Advisory Board members to our Board, expanding our base of support and expertise. New Board members include: Dr. Carol Bagley, Information Resources Professor and consultant; Professor Elizabeth Briel, School of Law and the Center for Catholic Studies; Dr. Heidi Giebel, UST Philosophy Department.
5. Established a yearly pattern of Symposium events: a fall colloquium, featuring the research of a local scholar; a spring colloquium, featuring a nationally known scholar whom we anticipate will be the recipient of our newly established annual award (see below); a summer workshop or colloquium of some kind for the benefit of interested scholars and practitioners as determined each year by the Board. We also decided to hold a conference every five years in honor of the anniversary of the promulgation of *Mulieris Dignitatem,* John Paul II’s encyclical on the “Dignity and Vocation of Women.”
6. At the invitation of Father Michael Becker and the organizers of a forum for undergraduate women at UST, presented several evening talks to undergraduates on the genius of women and their role in transforming the culture.
7. Continued to support the growth of ENDOW in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
8. Continued to improve the Symposium website, now formally housed within the SPSSOD website.

**II. 2012-2013 Initiatives and Goals**

During this academic year, the Siena Symposium seeks to continue developing the academic resources and educational programs necessary for establishing the new feminism and the civilization of love called for by Pope John Paul II in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* and to continue facilitating the fellowship so necessary for revitalizing the family and contemporary culture. Though some of this is still under discussion, our current plans include:

1. Organize, schedule and convene our fall colloquium. Our current vision for this event is to have a panel discussion on male and female complementarity and its implications for marriage. We envision three speakers: one on masculinity, another on femininity, and a third on marriage. Although we have not settled on two of the speakers, we intend to seek funding in order to invite Dr. Timothy Fortin (Seton Hall) who has written a very fine dissertation on masculinity as a human excellence. We would like him to be a part of the panel and present his vision of the masculine “genius.”
2. Organize, schedule and convene our spring colloquium. We plan to invite Helen Alvare to serve as our speaker for the 2013 event and to present her with the second annual *Siena Symposium Humanitarian Leadership Award*. We have already contacted her about her willingness to come and her availability; it seems we will have to hold our spring colloquium a bit earlier than originally planned in order to accommodate her schedule. We will be seeking funding from various sources for this event.
3. Lay plans for a conference to be held during the summer of 2013, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of *Mulieris Dignitatem* and in solidarity with the women’s section of the Pontifical Council on the Laity who is encouraging such conferences to be held world-wide. Our topic will be “Woman as Prophet” and we envision the conference as one that could encompass the leadership charism of religious orders, the leadership roles women have played in promoting policies that seek to reclaim the culture and advance the well-being of families, and the role of women in political discourse on moral issues. We plan to send out a call for papers soon. We anticipate pursuing funding for the conference from a variety of sources, including OSV.
4. We have been contacted again by Father Becker to continue to provide help and resources to the undergraduate women on the UST campus. We are laying plans to insure they hear alternative voices on the role of women in our culture.
5. Continue to promote our presence and activities as widely as possible in the Archdiocese and beyond in order to interest people in our work and in the topics we pursue.
6. Continue to refine and develop the Symposium website to include a wider array of resources and papers, making them accessible to those interested in our work.
7. Continue to support and nurture the growth of the ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) program in the Archdiocese.

Submitted by:

Dr. Deborah Savage Dr. Mary Lemmons

St. Paul Seminary Philosophy, UST

Co-Director, Siena Symposium Co-Director, Siena Symposium