

**The White Family Foundation
2019 Grant Request
Congregation of the Sisters of St. Clare (Florida), Inc**

Date of grant proposal submission	Wednesday, May 8, 2019
501c(3) organization	Yes
Legal name of organization	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Clare (Florida), Inc
DBA name if Applicable	
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Website	http://www.sistersofstclare.org
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Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00
Grant Purpose (one paragraph)	

Retirement and Healthcare needs of the various Sisters of St. Clare in the Florida Region, including:

- living expenses of Sisters who are retired or semi-retired.
- Education assistance for a Sister who is undergoing training to enable her to perform charitable services that will earn stipends to support the Congregation (nursing program)
- payment for health insurance, prescription medications, deductibles and co-pays for medical procedures
- renovations to the Sisters' residences and furnishings to improve safety for infirm Sisters

Annual Project /Program Budget (if request is for a specific project)	\$
Annual Organization Budget	\$

Sisters of St. Clare, Florida Region
(Congregation of the Sisters of St. Clare Florida, Inc.)

Grant Proposal Submitted to:
The White Family Foundation
May 2019

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Proposal Narrative

Since 1965, the Sisters of St. Clare of the Florida Region have ministered throughout the Tampa Bay area of Florida in schools as teachers and principals, in churches in pastoral ministries, in hospitals, hospice homes and nursing homes, in jails and prisons, as a chaplain, as Eucharistic ministers, and always as a caring presence. They teach Faith Formation and give spiritual direction. They conduct retreats for disabled persons of all ages. They are advocates for affordable housing for the poor and relief for those trapped in human trafficking.

Now, the median age of the Sisters in the Florida Region is 75; several of the Sisters are retired or semi-retired. As we age, we are facing inevitable challenges.

Living Expenses for those Sisters Unable to Work. Each of the Sisters of St. Clare have taken a vow of poverty and live “in community” with the other Sisters. Regardless of age, those Sisters who are healthy enough to continue working do so. In return for their services, modest stipends are paid to the regional community “Sisters of St. Clare” account and those payments are used for the support of the entire community, including for the support of the Sisters who are no longer able to work. At the present time, only four (4) of the nine (9) Sisters in the Community are able to work on a full-time basis.

Expenses for Health Insurance, Deductibles and Co-Pays. The regional Sisters of St. Clare account purchases health insurance for most of the Sisters who are not working at a cost of \$430 per month. It also covers the cost off co-pays, and deductibles and associated health care costs for all Sisters. ***In the past two years, two Sisters had serious heart surgeries, one Sister had bilateral total knee replacements and orthopedic rehabilitation, and one Sister has had multiple surgeries due to cancer.***

Making Convents Safe for Elderly Sisters. In addition to the rising cost of medical care, the Sisters continue to face the additional expense of making their homes safe for older Sisters such as installing safety features in their bathrooms, building inclines and handrails for the entrance ways to their homes, and obtaining specialized furniture and appliances to assist those with health issues.

Educational Expense for a younger Sister. The Region Fund will also be paying part of the tuition expense for a younger Sister who, when her education is complete, will receive stipends that may be used to help support the Sisters in the community who are no longer working.

To address these needs, the Sisters of St. Clare are applying to the White Family Foundation for a grant of \$18,000.

The Sisters of St. Clare appreciate The White Family Foundation’s past support and are hopeful that The White Family Foundation’s will be able to once again help us with an \$18,000 grant. Please know that the Sisters do appreciate your consideration of this request. ***At Foundation’s option, its grant could remain anonymous or could be gratefully acknowledged on the Sisters’ newsletters and other printed items.***

Documentation of Our Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status

Internal Revenue Service

Date: January 18, 2007

CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST CLARE
FLORIDA INC
14380 APACHE AVE
LARGO FL 33774-4409 801

Department of the Treasury
P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Person to Contact:
Richard E. Owens 31-07974
Customer Service Representative
Toll Free Telephone Number:
877-829-5500
Federal Identification Number:
59-3816270
Group Exemption Number:
0928

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of January 18, 2007 regarding your organization's tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate your organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your organization is included in the group ruling issued to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is not a private foundation within the meaning of 509(a) of the Code because it is described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i).

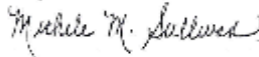
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is listed in Publication 78. Donors may deduct contributions to your organization under section 170 of the code.

As your organization is included in a group ruling, there is not an individual exemption letter for it. The group exemption letter applies to all of the subordinate organizations on whose behalf the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has applied for recognition of exemption. If you want a copy of the group exemption letter, please contact your central organization.

If you are operating an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on, you are required to file Form 5578, *Annual Certification of Racial Nondiscrimination for a Private School Exempt From Federal Income Tax*. Form 5578 is due annually by the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of the organization's accounting period.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Michele M. Sullivan, Oper. Mgr.
Accounts Management Operations 1

Sisters of St. Clare Regional Leadership

1. ***Sr. Therese Carolan, age 75***, has been the Regional Leader of the Florida Sisters of St. Clare since January, 2017. Sister Therese had been involved in nursing or teaching children since 1961 until she became involved in Pastoral ministry at St. Michael the Archangel in Clearwater, FL.
2. ***Sr. Lucia Brady, age 76***, had been for many years the Regional Leader of the Sisters of St. Clare in the Florida Region. For quite some time, she had taught school and had been a school principal. For the past 17 years, Sr. Lucia has been involved in Pastoral ministry in Largo FL, and before that had ministered in various other locations in the Tampa Bay.

The Other Sisters of St. Clare in the Florida Region

Sr. Bridget Mulligan, age 88
Sr. Lila Dempsey, age 87
Sr. Elizabeth Moran, age 76
Sr. Briege McKenna, age 73
Sr. Kathleen Luger, age 70
Sr. Phyllis Shaughnessey, age 66
Sr. Christa Rowe, age 60
Sr. Amparo Cruz , age 51

Please see Website for additional information about the Sisters

www.sistersofstclare.org



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SISTERS OF ST. CLARE, FLORIDA REGION FALL 2018

Dear Friends,

As you will read in a later article, we recently participated in a most inspiring Retreat to reflect upon the Direction Statement adopted during our 2016 Chapter and our lives as Sisters of St. Clare. One of the aspirations of the Direction Statement is "to promote environmental stewardship in the care of our Mother Earth."

Environmental stewardship and consciousness of the fragile nature of our environment is very much in keeping with our charism and the mandate we have received from Sts. Clare & Francis of Assisi. In fact, St. Francis is the Patron Saint of Ecologists.

Climate change, unsustainable agriculture and inconsiderate use of our planet's resources contribute to destruction of Mother Earth. St. Francis - and Pope Francis in his instructive encyclical, *Laudate Si* - call upon each of us to make simple gestures to break with the logic of exploitation and selfishness. This might mean taking public transportation or car-pooling, recycling, limiting the use of plastic bottles and plastic bags, and any number of other things. These small acts are not terribly impactful on our daily lives, yet would collectively be immensely impactful on the world we share.

October 4 is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Please join us that day - and perhaps on all days - in considering what each of us can do to protect our Common Home.

Sr. Lucia Brady
for the Sisters of St. Clare



All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, - so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,- that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

To recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.
Amen.

~ Pope Francis's Prayer in Laudato