

<b>BANNAN GRANT PROPOSAL COVER PAGE</b>	Date:	3/24/10
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1.	Proposal Title	Ten Years of Crisis: What the Catholic Church has Learned and Done to Prevent Clergy Sex Abuse since Dallas					
2.	Name of Applicant	Thomas G. Plante					
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4.	Type of Grant (check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> XXX Bannan Grant		<input type="checkbox"/> Dialog & Design Grant			
5.	<b>Required:</b> Provide your 4-6 letter department or program ID. This is not a fund number. (i.e. ECON for Economics Department; LACLNC for Law Clinic)						
	Department/Program ID	P	S	Y	C		
	Contact Person	Regina Lising			Extension	X4493	
6.	If your department does not provide administrative assistance to manage grants, we will provide assistance. Will you be in need of assistance to manage your grant?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> XX No	
7.	Total cost of proposed project:				\$	32,000	
8.	Amount requested from the Ignatian Center:				\$	Anything	
9.	Amount requested from other sources, if any (please list):				\$		
	Ford Foundation, Templeton Foundation, etc.				\$	32,000	
					\$		
10.	Please briefly explain what will happen to this project if you do not receive funding from the Ignatian Center: <b>We will try to secure funding elsewhere</b>						
Department Chair or Supervisor Approval		Tim Urdan					
		Name (type/print)		Signature		Date	

Submit all proposals to: Theresa Ladrigan-Whelpley, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Sobrato Hall, Room 34, Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053-0454. [tladriganwhelpley@scu.edu](mailto:tladriganwhelpley@scu.edu)  
Electronic **copies** of proposals via email are encouraged.

<b>BANNAN GRANT PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	Date: 3/24/10
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I estimate that I will spend the requested funds as follows:

<u>Primary Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
SUPPLY	Office, lab, instruction supplies	\$	
PHONE	Telephone charges	\$	
REPROD	Copying, printing	\$	
MAIL	Postage, mailing, fax charges	\$	
BSTRVL	Domestic transport, lodging, meals	\$	32,000
INTRVL	Foreign transport, lodging, meals	\$	
SPCEVT	Food, room charges for special event	\$	
CONTRS	Guest speaker honoraria, research subject fees, professional services	\$	
MISC	Publications, subscriptions, membership dues	\$	
STFSAL	Staff salaries	\$	
SWAGE	Student wages	\$	
FACSAL	Faculty salary	\$	
BENEXP	Benefit expenses for faculty, staff, student	\$	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>32,000</b>

**\*\*Please Note:** In the event that this grant is awarded, your department is responsible for any associated overdrafts.

<b>BANNAN GRANT PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM</b>	Date:	3/24/10
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Name of Applicant	Thomas G. Plante		
Phone	X 4471	Email	tplante@scu.edu
<b>Part I:</b>	<i>(To be completed for submission along with your original grant proposal.)</i> List the intended outcomes for this project: (use additional pages if necessary)		

Provide national conferences at SCU

**Pending approval of your grant, Parts II & III are to be completed at the end of your grant period**

Proposal Budget				
Account Number	Fund	Dept ID	Program	Activity

<b>Part II:</b>	Briefly describe the actual measurable outcomes of this project and the assessment tools you used: (use additional pages if necessary)

<b>Part III:</b>	Describe any other outcomes of your project.

**APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY GRANT FUNDS**  
**Bannan Grant**

March 23, 2010

Project Title: Ten Years of Crisis: What the Catholic Church has Learned and Done to Prevent Clergy Sex Abuse since Dallas

Applicant: Thomas G. Plante, Professor of Psychology

Statement of Problem

As we approach the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the January 2002 *Boston Globe* story that ignited the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church in the United States and of the development of the USCCB “Dallas Charter” in June 2002, I (along with co-editor, Kathleen McChesney) have put together a team of thoughtful and informed essay writers representing different windows into those events. We plan to produce an edited book, tentatively titled *Ten Years of Crisis: What the Catholic Church has Learned and Done to Prevent Clergy Sex Abuse since Dallas* and publish the work near the time of these significant anniversary dates. In addition, the researchers at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice will release their important study on the “Causes and Context” of the abuse crisis by early 2011 which will provide another important milestone for reflection.

The Roman Catholic Church is by far the largest continuously operating organization in the world representing 20% of the over 6 billion people on the planet. It is not a small, insular, and obscure cult or church. It impacts billions of people. The Catholic Church has also tried to be the ethical voice of moral authority for about 2000 years. The Church’s often unpopular position and standards on sexual behavior associated with contraception use, sexual activity among unmarried persons, homosexuality, and divorce make sex crimes committed by priests even more scandalous. Priests, unlike other clergy, are supposed to be celibate living with vows of obedience and for religious order priests, poverty. When they error, sin, and fall from grace, it is a much bigger drop for them than for ministers from other religious traditions who are much more like us (e.g., married with children and mortgages). The intriguing secrecy and inner workings of the Catholic Church make the story of sexual abuse committed by priests fascinating and of great interest to the media and the general population. Finally, many of the 25% of Americans, who identify themselves as being Catholic, have mixed feelings about the Church. Many of the millions of Americans who have experienced Catholic education or were raised in the Church have stories of priests and nuns who were difficult and sadly, sometime abusive in various ways. Many have felt that they couldn’t measure up to the impossibly high standards of the Church. In some ways, the media attention is a way to get back at a Church organization and Catholic clergy that may have contributed to the public feeling sinful or inadequate. Perhaps the gospel verse attributed to Jesus; “he who is without sin may cast the first stone” is a poignant perspective of the media and public’s view on clergy sexual abuse.

The purpose of this project is to develop and host a high level scholarly yet practical conference and resulting edited book project on the topic of clergy abuse 10 years after the American crisis began inviting contributing authors and members of the local and university communities to interact and fine tune their thinking about this topic.

The project will be a follow-up to earlier edited projects that I have published [i.e., *Bless Me Father for I have Sinned* (1999) and *Sin against the Innocents* (2004)] and will likely be published by the same publisher that produced the earlier books. As was done in 1998 and 2003 I hope to host a working conference for the contributors at SCU during the fall of 2010 following the submission of first drafts. Then, as we did in 2004, we hope to host a book launching conference when the book is published and during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dallas Charter in 2012.

These conferences are invaluable to produce a very high quality product. Having contributors meet and discuss their work results in a better and more seamless final book project. Additionally, having some of the leading thinkers in the USA and overseas on our campus has many advantages as well. Previous conferences resulted in national and international media attention (e.g., *Newsweek* magazine, Associated Press) for SCU and puts SCU in the forefront on this important issue. I am grateful that Kathleen McChesney, the first and now former executive director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection as well as highest ranking female in the FBI, has agreed to co-edit the book project with me.

### Methods

A total of 22 leading experts in the field have agreed to participate in the project. The list is attached. The first part of the conference would be a working conference with participants only. However, we will host a symposium for the university community to participate (e.g., faculty, staff, and students) as well as perhaps mental health and health care professionals from the community secured via the SCU Center for Professional Development and the local church community perhaps through SCU's Pastoral Ministries, Jesuit School of theology, Ignatian Center, and other avenues. A press conference may be scheduled as well. The conference will provide the opportunity for all of the contributors to learn from each other, obtain feedback on their work, interact with the campus and the local professional community, and hopefully, result in appropriate and positive press attention for Santa Clara University. A second conference in 2012 would be a book launching conference and open to the campus and general community. If adequate funding for both conference cannot occur, we would aim to conduct one conference for the book launch.

### Relevance to Past and Future Research

I have organized conference and book projects like this successfully in the past. These include conferences on clergy sexual abuse in 1999, 2003, and 2004, religious faith and health outcomes in 2000, 2006, and 2009 and on mental disorders in 2006. These conferences have resulted in 7 edited published book projects that include the following:

Plante, T. G. (Ed). *Contemplative Practices in Action: Diverse Paths for Well Being, Wisdom, and Healing*. Praeger/Greenwood. In preparation.

Plante, T. G., & Thoresen, C. E. (Eds.) (2007). *Spirit, Science and Health: How the Spiritual Mind Fuels Physical Wellness*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood.

- Plante, T.G. (Ed). (2006). *Mental Disorders of the New Millennium, Vol. I: Behavioral Issues*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood.
- Plante, T.G. (Ed). (2006). *Mental Disorders of the New Millennium, Vol. II: Public and Social Problems*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood.
- Plante, T.G. (Ed). (2006). *Mental Disorders of the New Millennium, Vol. III: Biology and Function*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood.
- Plante, T. G. (Ed). (2004). *Sin against the Innocents: Sexual Abuse by Priests and the Role of the Catholic Church*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood.
- Plante, T. G., & Sherman, A. S. (Eds.) (2001). *Faith and Health: Psychological Perspectives*. New York: Guilford.
- Plante, T. G. (Ed.). (1999). *Bless Me Father for I Have Sinned: Perspectives on Sexual Abuse Committed by Roman Catholic Priests*. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood.

Grants or Fellowships Received During Past Three Years (2007-09) for Thomas Plante:

2009	SCU/Ignatian Center. "Contemplative Practice in Action conference"	\$5,000
2009	SCU/Faculty Development Office. "Spirituality and Health Institute"	\$500
2008	SCU/Faculty Development Office. "Spirituality and Health Institute"	\$500
2007	SCU/Faculty Development Office. "Spirituality and Health Institute"	\$500

Itemized Budget with Justification (estimated per conference)

SCU Conference (expected 20 presenters)

Food	5000
Hotel	7000
Travel expenses for participants	20,000
<u>Total</u>	<b>32,000*</b>

\*Note: We understand that SCU tends to give 5,000 or less for internal grants. We will and have been asking other internal and external sources for funding as well.

Timetable and Deadlines

SCU Conference 1	Ideally Fall 2010
SCU Conference 2	Ideally January 2012