

Educational Purposes of Applicant

The Applicant is a religiously orientated nonprofit organization organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

The FCC staff has concluded that religiously oriented applicants for noncommercial educational FM stations satisfy the requirements of Section 73.503 of the FCC's Rules by fulfilling two criteria.¹

First, the applicant must propose an overall educational program.

Second, the proposed programming must advance the applicant's educational objectives. The full Commission has cited this two-prong test with approval.²

As explained herein, the Applicant satisfies both elements of this test.

The Applicant will provide a noncommercial broadcast service for the purpose of advancing its educational objectives. The educational objectives of the Applicant include the following:

- 1) To provide educational and religious instruction, including analysis of ancient scripture and the moral teachings manifest in the Bible and in the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church;
- 2) To provide the opportunity for, and to promote, informative discussion and debate in areas pertaining to contemporary social and religious issues, as well as citizenship and its responsibilities; and
- 3) To foster the development and implementation of successful methods, including the delivery of charitable services, for responding to community problems such as poverty, the crisis in marital and family relationships, sexual and substance abuse, and mental health disorders and homelessness.

To advance these and other educational purposes, the Applicant plans to broadcast the radio programming provided by Eternal Word Television Network ("EWTN"). The Applicant will not air commercials, and the EWTN feed includes no paid programming. Rather, the EWTN radio service includes news and current affairs programming; interactive call-in discussion shows; live interviews with authors on spiritual matters and social issues; recorded instructive talks by eminent theologians, scholars, and homilists; and live airings of devotional prayers and the daily Mass.

The Applicant will broadcast local masses and other locally produced content.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant is an educational organization and has evidenced an intention to operate the new LPFM station consistent with an overall educational program. Accordingly, the nonprofit nature and educational purposes of the Applicant make it eligible to obtain the broadcast authorization sought in the instant application.

¹ Columbia Bible College Broadcasting Co., 06 F.C.C.R. 516, 517 (ASD 1991)

² WQED Pittsburgh, 15 F.C.C.R. 202, 215 (1999).