

NATURE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF APPLICANT

Non-Profit and Educational Nature

It is the intent of the applicant to operate the proposed station in a manner consistent with Section 73.503 of the Commission's Rules.

The applicant is a Missouri nonprofit corporation, which has received a determination from the district director of the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from federal taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its Charter (as amended to change its name from Kansas City Catholic Network, Inc. to Catholic Radio Network, Inc.), By-laws and IRS non-profit determination have been previously filed with the Commission in connection with stations KEXS (File No. BML-20061215ACV) and KAHS (File No. BML-20061215ACW).

The IRS ruling allowing Section 501(c)(3) status reflects that the corporation is organized "for charitable, religious, **educational**, and/or scientific purposes" [emphasis supplied].

In *Columbia Bible College Broadcasting Co.*, 6 FCC Rcd 516 (1991), at paragraphs 9 and 10, the Commission stated that religiously-oriented applicants can meet the eligibility standards set forth in Section 73.503 of the Commission's Rules, where the applicant (1) proposes an overall educational program and (2) its proposed programming furthers its educational objectives. As can be seen by this Exhibit I, the applicant has

been formed for educational as well as religious and charitable purposes, and its purposes evidence an overall educational program.

Furtherance of Educational Objectives

Catholic Radio Network, Inc. is eligible pursuant to Section 73.503 to be a non-commercial licensee of the station covered by this application, because the applicant proposes programming which constitutes an overall educational program and the programming furthers the organization's educational objectives. In this case, the applicant intends to broadcast programs to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church, which are its educational objectives.

The applicant will obtain much of its programming from the radio service of Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). EWTN's programming is commercial-free, and there is no paid programming which is aired on EWTN. Programming consists of the following basic types: (1) broadcasts of "Interactive" programs such as "Catholic Answers"; (2) recorded programs presented by eminent Roman Catholic professors and scholars dealing with various topics of the Gospels and Roman Catholic catechism (categories 1 and 2 occupy a majority of the broadcast day); (3) Roman Catholic Masses, the Holy Rosary and various recitations of Litanies and the Stations of the Cross; and (4) newscasts known by the title "Catholic World Today".

With respect to the Interactive programs that would be carried over the stations, an example is "Catholic Answers", a call in program designed to answer questions and educate on various aspects of Roman Catholicism.

Examples of recorded programs conducted by professors and other Catholic scholars are:

1. “Purgatory: The Dogma Explored”, which is a self-explanatory topic.
2. “Reflections on the Sacraments”, which explains and educates on the role of the Sacraments in the Roman Catholic faith.
3. “Answering Common Objections”, hosted by Franciscan University of Steubenville professor of theology Dr. Scott Hahn, which educates on “apologetics”, that is, a Catholic explaining and defending his faith when in the company of non-Catholics.
4. “Introduction to Mariology”, which educates on the role of Mary, the Blessed Virgin, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, in Roman Catholicism.
5. “Catholic History in the United States”, produced by the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, which educates on the history of the Church in this country, its growth, and the impact upon this country made by the Church.
6. “Life is Worth Living”, sermons recorded before his death by the late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the traditional dogmas of the Church.
7. “EWTN Bookmark”, during which a book designed to educate on the Roman Catholic faith is discussed.
8. “Kids Sing-a-Long”, designed to introduce younger listeners to the music of the Roman Catholic Church.
9. “Inside the Bible”, which name describes the nature of this program.
10. “Franciscan University Connection”, programming covering different subjects produced by the faculty and staff of Franciscan University of Steubenville, an accredited four-year college located in Steubenville, Ohio at which is located an

important center of education and research on the theology of the Roman Catholic Church.

Thus, the EWTN radio programming to be presented over Catholic Radio Network, Inc. stations presents a comprehensive daily effort to educate the public, Catholics and non-Catholics, about the tenets and dogmas of the Roman Catholic faith, including the Bible and the systematic Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church.

Catholic Radio Network, Inc. intends to work with local Roman Catholic parishes, catechism programs and organizations to assist their educational efforts with respect to teaching of the Catholic religion; over time, we hope to develop our own local programming, which, in conjunction with EWTN programming, will provide a valuable educational resource for the residents of the communities that the applicant serves.