

## Webathon continues; \$100,000 goal for the week

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Webathon 2014

It's the second day of our webathon and you loyal readers have already met three matching grants. Thanks for support. But I have to tell you, we are a long way from meeting our \$100,000 goal. [We need your help now](#) [1].

We launched this, our fifth annual webathon, on Sunday with the ultimate goal of raising at least \$100,000 this week. That is the amount of money we need to keep to our fiscal budget for the year. The money we take in isn't for extras; it's not money for a staff slush fund. It's already in our budget, earmarked to provide readers of NCRonline.org the most comprehensive coverage our reporting staff can muster.

Reporting on issues that matter to you -- the ministry of Pope Francis, the legacy of popes Benedict, John Paul II and John XXIII, income inequality, parish life, the upcoming Synod of Bishops on the family -- that's what *NCR* does best. It's also why [we need your help now](#) [1].

That kind of reporting is time-consuming and expensive. We don't just repeat and comment on what others have reported; we assign reporters to cover important events and discover important trends. Let me give you a recent example: The cost of bishops' mansions became a huge national story after media learned that [Newark Archbishop John J. Myers was renovating](#) [2] an already pretty decent retirement home for \$500,000 and a few days later that [Atlanta Archbishop Wilton Gregory had spent \\$2.2 million](#) [3] to build a new residence.

In our coverage, *NCR* took one step back and asked the question: [How much is a bishop worth?](#) [4] Reporting by Mick Forgey explored what are standard compensation packages for U.S. bishops and how they are determined.

In the 20 days since that story was posted, it has become the fourth most viewed story on our website. With your help, we can keep reporting these kinds of stories. [Please give today](#) [1].

Other stories in the top five for the last month are:

- [Oregon priest leaves Catholic church, files legal demand for personnel files](#) [5]
- [Francis encountering curial opposition, cardinal says](#) [6]
- [With little warning, bishop changes leadership, direction of Berkeley campus ministry](#) [7]
- [Disgraced cardinal's archdiocese subject of Vatican investigation](#) [8]

If these are the kind of stories you want to read on NCRonline.org, [please make a generous donation today](#) [1]. We need your financial support now.

We only come to you like this one week a year. The other 51 weeks a year, you have unfettered access to the news, analysis and commentary that you value so much.

Help us meet this goal -- or, better yet, surpass it -- and we'll go back to unrestricted access to the reporting,

analysis and commentary you have come to expect from *NCR*.

Watch my "We're rolling up our sleeves" video:

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