





The Standards for  
**excellence**

*An Ethics & Accountability Program for the Nonprofit Sector*

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Commenting on the Leadership Roundtable's new *Standards for Excellence* program, Peter V. Berns, Chief Executive Officer of the *Standards for Excellence Institute* stated: "We are thrilled that the Leadership Roundtable has chosen the *Standards for Excellence*® as the tool to advance best practices in the governance and management of Catholic nonprofits." "This is a major step forward for self regulation in the nonprofit sector which will increase accountability and preserve the public's trust" Berns added. "As the Leadership Roundtable distributes the *Standard for Excellence*® throughout the Catholic community, their many Church leaders who receive the Catholic version of *Standards for Excellence*® can also help us spread the word about the *Standards for Excellence*® program to the many other nonprofits where they also are involved as board members, staff or volunteers."

Authorized, community-specific *Standards for Excellence*® programs are operating in Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and Colorado Springs, CO. The *Standards for Excellence Institute* directly serves nonprofits in areas where there is no authorized local program. *Standards for Excellence*® licensed consultants are operating in Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, the US Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

More than 180 nonprofit organizations around the country have completed the rigorous certification process and earned the right to display the Seal of Excellence, including several Catholic organizations such as:

[Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg](#), Greensburg, Pennsylvania  
[Catholic Social Services of Houma/Thibodaux](#), Houma, Louisiana  
[St Vincent De Paul Society of Baltimore](#), Baltimore, Maryland

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## **STANDARDS FOR EXCELLENCE INSTITUTE**

The Standards for Excellence Institute is the national sponsor of the Standards for Excellence program, a comprehensive system of self-regulation and organizational improvement for nonprofit organizations. The program provides nonprofits with clear benchmarks to measure their own performance against the highest standards of nonprofit governance and management, delivers educational programming and technical assistance to make it easy for nonprofits to make improvements, and grants the Seal of Excellence to organizations that make it through a rigorous peer review. The Institute is an operating division of the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations, recognized as the largest and one of the most effective nonprofit associations in the country.