

VSS Catholic Communications, Inc.

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VSS Catholic Communications, Inc.

- aka Spirit Catholic Radio Network
- Omaha, NE
- www.spiritcatholicradio.com
- **(**402)571-0200



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MISSION

To provide an alternative to the secular programming found on radio and television. VSS Catholic Communications, Inc. is dedicated to answering the call of the late Holy Father, St. John Paul II, for a New Evangelization. Our charism in the mission of evangelization is to broadly employ broadcast media to transmit the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the fullness of the living Tradition as preserved, revered and proclaimed by the Catholic Church for 2000 years. Everyone involved recognizes this apostolate as an extraordinary gift, which we receive anew each day.

EIN

91-1857425

RULING YEAR

1997

IRS SUBSECTION

501(c)(3) Public Charity

FOUNDING YEAR

1997

MAIN ADDRESS

13326 A Street Omaha, NE 68144

AFFILIATION TYPE

Independent Organization

CONTACT

Mr. James Carroll, Executive Director (402) 571-0200 jimc@kvss.com

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

James Carroll

BOARD CHAIR

Tom Carney

SUBJECT AREA

Radio

Religion

Right to life

NTEE Code

Religious Radio (X84)

Right to Life (R62)

Christian (X20)

PROGRAMS

1. Own and Operate FM Radio Stations

Population(s) served: Adults, Interfaith groups

2. Encounter Jesus Outreach

Population(s) served: Adults

3. Programming from the Local Listening Areas served

Population(s) served: Adults

4. SCR Conferences and Events

Population(s) served: Adults

5. Provide Low Power FM Stations Programming

Population(s) served: Adults

POPULATIONS SERVED

- 1. Adults
- 2. Catholics
- 3. Interfaith groups

COMPLIANCE

- ✓ IRS Pub 78 Verified as of March 2024
- ✓ IRS BMF 509(a) (1) as of March 12, 2024
- X A-133 Audit Required/Performed?
- ✓ Conflict of Interest Policy
- ✓ Written whistleblower policy

Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

- ✓ Board Practices Reported?
- ✓ Diversity Data Reported?
- 15 Number of Independent Board Members

Programs & Results

PROGRAMS

GUIDESTAR PRO REPORT

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, February 2024

Own and Operate FM Radio Stations

Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified Interfaith groups

Spirit Catholic Radio operates six full power radio stations across Nebraska which serves Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri and Kansas reaching over 2 million people.

Encounter Jesus Outreach

Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified

To have a presence at secular events across the listening area where we introduce people to Jesus. Partnering with local ministries and apostolates, parishes and schools.

Programming from the Local Listening Areas served

Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified

To produce and promote locally produced programs that Invite, Inform and Inspire people to learn about Jesus Christ. Spirit Mornings, Rosary, Mass, Holiness Helpers, Witness, Ready to Stand, Bishop Joensen and Faith and Family FInance.

SCR Conferences and Events

Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified

Bring top Catholic Apologists, Speakers, Evangelists across the listening area. Host a family Softball game between priests of two diocese in the listening area and donate the proceeds to the vocations offices.

Provide Low Power FM Stations Programming

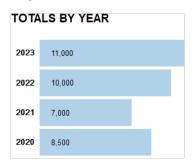
Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified

Serve as a resource for small communities to broadcast SCR programming and engineering services.

RESULTS

Number of people reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ



Population(s) Served: No target populations selected

Related program: SCR Conferences and Events

Notes: Spirit Catholic Radio has educational opportunities available through seminars, webinars, conferences and exhibits across the listening area. We partner with other apostolates & ministries.

CHARTING IMPACT

What is the organization aiming to accomplish?

We are hoping to engage our listeners in our on-air programs to a degree in which it helps them deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. By doing this, it will also increase their awareness and knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Through outreach efforts, we hope to pick-up new listeners each year.

What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?

First and foremost, we hope to provide the very best in Catholic Radio programming through our locally produced shows and syndicated regional and national shows.

We then do a variety of outreach into the community to let potential listeners know about our programming and its life saving affects.

Finally, we ask the listeners to support us financially so that we can continue to operate and grow on our mission of evangelization.

What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?

We operate 7 full power stations and 9 affiliate stations that allow us a radio footprint of 2 million potential listeners

We utilize several hundred volunteers to help us with our outreach efforts that span the entire coverage area. Those volunteers are managed by a capable staff of 14 full-time staff and 2 part-time staff.

We have 2 studio locations in which to record local programming and base other outreach efforts on a regional basis.

We conduct 3 major fundraising events a year that have allowed us to see revenue increases of 10% annually over the last 5 years.

We are the fifth oldest, of nearly 500, Catholic radio stations in the nation and utilize 22 different regional and national resources to provide diverse and quality programming.

What have and haven't they accomplished so far?

We hope to increase the amount of local programming that we offer. We would love to offer a local and live show during our evening drive times.

Also, because we are an industry leader, we would like to add more structure and resources towards helping start up Catholic Radio stations sustain and grow their mission.

In addition, we would like to have more inroads with the several hundred Catholic Parishes in our listening area. To do so would require more staff to manage volunteers and beef up local promotions. The staff members are responsible for specific regions within our coverage area. In addition to our local efforts we have begun national collaboration with Catholic Radio stations and networks across the county to share best practices in operations, fundraising and awareness.

Financials

FISCAL YEAR START: 01/01 FISCAL YEAR END: 12/31

FINANCIALS QUICK VIEW

Surpluses in last 5 years 5

Negative Net Assets in past 5 years **0**

Financial Trends Analysis

Business Model Indicators

Created in Partnership with



Profitability	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) before depreciation	\$63,612	\$254,016	\$311,870	\$435,877	\$508,037
As a % of expenses	3.3%	13.0%	16.0%	23.6%	22.6%
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) after depreciation	\$26,267	\$209,964	\$263,811	\$402,191	\$459,977
As a % of expenses	1.3%	10.5%	13.2%	21.4%	20.0%
Revenue Composition					
Total revenue (unrestricted & restricted)	\$1,997,845	\$2,204,866	\$2,296,677	\$2,427,964	\$3,120,114
Total revenue, % change over prior year	-6.7%	10.4%	4.2%	5.7%	28.5%
Program services revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Membership dues	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Investment income	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Government grants	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
All other grants and contributions	99.6%	99.7%	99.7%	99.3%	99.8%
Other revenue	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%
Expense Composition					
Total expenses before depreciation	\$1,934,233	\$1,950,850	\$1,948,807	\$1,847,447	\$2,248,866
Total expenses, % change over prior year	4.0%	0.9%	-0.1%	-5.2%	21.7%
Personnel	69.8%	65.8%	69.9%	69.5%	66.6%
Professional Fees	0.8%	1.1%	1.0%	1.6%	0.8%
Occupancy	12.3%	12.4%	12.8%	13.3%	15.6%
Interest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Pass-Through	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
All other expenses	17.2%	20.7%	16.3%	15.6%	17.0%

Financial Trends Analysis, continued

Moving Toward Full Cost Coverage

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Full Cost Components (estimated)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Expenses (after depreciation)	\$1,971,578	\$1,994,902	\$1,996,866	\$1,881,133	\$2,296,926
One Month of Savings	\$161,186	\$162,571	\$162,401	\$153,954	\$187,406
Debt Principal Repayment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fixed Asset Additions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$324,960
Total Full Costs (estimated)	\$2,132,764	\$2,157,473	\$2,159,267	\$2,035,087	\$2,809,292

Capital Structure Indicators

Liquidity					
Months of cash	3.6	5.2	7.1	11.3	12.2
Months of cash and investments	3.6	5.2	7.1	11.3	12.2
Months of estimated liquid unrestricted net assets	32.6	33.9	35.8	40.6	34.3
Balance Sheet Composition					
Cash	\$584,680	\$838,696	\$1,151,566	\$1,732,082	\$2,278,370
Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Receivables	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gross land, buildings, and equipment (LBE)	\$1,818,946	\$1,818,946	\$1,823,946	\$1,805,108	\$2,130,068
Accumulated depreciation (% of LBE)	58.8%	61.2%	63.7%	65.2%	57.5%
Liabilities (as % of assets)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unrestricted net assets	\$6,001,383	\$6,211,347	\$6,475,158	\$6,877,349	\$7,337,326
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Permanently restricted net assets	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total restricted net assets	\$0	\$0	\$36,000	\$180,640	\$543,851
Total net assets	\$6,001,383	\$6,211,347	\$6,511,158	\$7,057,989	\$7,881,177

Key Data Checks

Material Data Errors	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	No	No	No	No	No

Note: This issue is relevant to a small number of organizations: The nonprofit subject(s) of this report may have affiliates. The Form 990 data may not include information about any or all potential affiliates. If an organization does have affiliates and these affiliates have substantial financial activity, the financial data in this report may not present a comprehensive picture of the nonprofit's financial condition. Please consult the 990s of any potentially related affiliates for additional information.

- ☑ <u>'Key Revenue & Expense Data from Form 990'</u>
- 'Key Balance Sheet Data from Form 990'

Operations

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, February 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. James Carroll

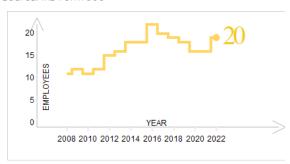
☑ LinkedIn profile

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Over 25 years of leadership positions with fortune 500 companies preceded Mr. Carroll's decision to enter into the non-profit sector to give back to the community. Mr. Carroll is a Nebraska native, served in the United States Naval Reserves for eight years and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He has a deep love for the Catholic Church and is active in many Catholic organizations. He is the father of five children, all of whom attended Catholic grade school and high school. He and his wife Karol are members of St. Robert Bellarmine parish in Omaha since 1984. He serves on the board of several organizationsHe considers it a true blessing and great privilege to serve as the Executive Director of the Spirit Catholic Radio Network. He gives credit to the board of directors, advancement committees throughout the state and the hundreds of volunteers who serve the Church through the Spirit Catholic Radio Network and to Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and God the Father.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Source: IRS Form 990



BOARD CHAIR

Tom Carney

Weitz Funds

Term: 2013 - 2023

BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Carroll

Executive Director

Kenneth Borowiak

Lincoln Representative

Ron Clark

Rural Lincoln Representative

Steve Manzer

Northeast Nebraska Rep

Phyllis Bishoff

Waterloo Representative

Kathy Hahn

St. Paul Rep

Dennis O'Toole

Iowa Rep/Treasurer

Michelle Pohlman

Omaha Rep

Lee Trautman

Gering NE Rep

Al Vybiral

Wahoo, NE Rep

Jeanette Wojtalewicz

Omaha Rep

Cheri Schmidt

Doniphan NE Rep

Tom Carney

President - Omaha Rep

John Svoboda

Omaha Rep

Deanna Sands

Nebraska City Rep

Tom Venzor

Lincoln Rep

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Jim Carroll	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY	\$118,664	\$46,846	\$0
Tom Carney	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
REV Ken Borowiak	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dennis O'Toole	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alan Vybiral	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Clark	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steve Manzer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lee Trautman	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phyllis Bishoff	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michele Pohlman	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kathy Hahn	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jeanette Wojtalewicz	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cheri Schmidt	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
John Svoboda	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Deanna Sands	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tom Venzor	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Jim Carroll	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY	\$114,653	\$38,592	\$0
Tom Carney	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
REV. Ken Borowiak	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michael Lawler	TREASURER THROUGH	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dennis O'Toole	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alan Vybiral	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Clark	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steve Manzer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lee Trautman	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phyllis Bishoff	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michele Pohlman	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kathy Hahn	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jeanette Wojtalewicz	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cheri Schmidt	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
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Jim Carroll	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY	\$113,410	\$36,120	\$0
Tom Carney	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
REV Ken Borowiak	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michael Lawler	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alan Vybiral	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Doug Pfeifer	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2020	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dennis O'Toole	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Clark	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dr Steven Hinze	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2020	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Huss	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2020	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steve Manzer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lee Trautman	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Phyllis Bishoff	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michele Pohlman	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kathy Hahn	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jeanette Wojtalewicz	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Jim Carroll	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SECRETARY	\$111,180	\$31,793	\$0
Tom Carney	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
REV Ken Borowiak	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michael Lawler	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jim Czyz	PAST PRESIDENT THRU 11/2019	\$0	\$0	\$0
Doug Pfeifer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Doug Barrett	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2019	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mary Quintero	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2019	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Clark	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2019	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dr Steven Hinze	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Huss	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steve Manzer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dennis O'Toole	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alan Vybiral	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jim Taphorn	DIRECTOR THRU 5/2019	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Jim Carroll	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SEC'Y	\$109,596	\$31,515	\$0
Tom Carney	PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
REV Ken Borowiak	VICE PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michael Lawler	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jim Czyz	PAST PRESIDENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
Doug Pfeifer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Doug Barrett	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charles Narmi	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2018	\$0	\$0	\$0
Mary Quintero	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Karen Largen	DIRECTOR THRU 11/2018	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Clark	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dr Steven Hinze	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ron Huss	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steve Manzer	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dennis O'Toole	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Al Vybiral	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jim Taphorn	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Bernie Schaefer	VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT	\$116,046	\$36,694	\$0
Mary Jorgensen	DIR OF SALES & UNDERWRITING	\$109,900	\$3,605	\$0

HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2021

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Jorgensen	DIR OF SALES & UNDERWRITING	\$116,532	\$3,922	\$0
Bernie Schaefer	VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT	\$111,003	\$32,128	\$0

HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Jorgensen	DIR OF SALES & UNDERWRITING	\$119,059	\$3,922	\$0
Bernie Schaefer	VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT	\$109,324	\$29,285	\$0

HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

FISCAL YEAR 2019

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Mary Jorgensen	DIR OF SALES & UNDERWRITING	\$109,067	\$3,527	\$0
Bernie Schaefer	VICE PRES OF DEVELOPMENT	\$106,868	\$25,278	\$0

HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Bernie Schaefer	VICE PRES OF DEVELOPMENT	\$103,441	\$25,974	\$0
Mary Jorgensen	DIR OF SALES & UNDERWRITING	\$102,018	\$6,610	\$0

Paid Preparers

FISCAL YEAR 2022

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
EIDE BAILLY LLP	450250958	18081 BURT ST STE 200, OMAHA NE 680224722	4023302660

Paid Preparers

FISCAL YEAR 2021

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
SEIM JOHNSON, LLP	47-6097913	18081 BURT STREET, SUITE 200, OMAHA NE 68022-4722 USA	402-330-2660

Paid Preparers

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
SEIM JOHNSON LLP	47-6097913	18081 BURT STREET SUITE 200, OMAHA NE 680224722 USA	402-330-2660

BOARD LEADERSHIP PRACTICES

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the past three years?

GuideStar worked with BoardSource, the national leader in nonprofit board leadership and governance, to create this section, which enables organizations and donors to transparently share information about essential board leadership practices.

BOARD ORIENTATION & EDUCATION Does the board conduct a formal orientation for new board members and require all Yes board members to sign a written agreement regarding their roles, responsibilities, and expectations? **CEO OVERSIGHT** Has the board conducted a formal, written assessment of the chief executive within Yes the past year? **ETHICS & TRANSPARENCY** Have the board and senior staff reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and Yes completed and signed disclosure statements in the past year? **BOARD COMPOSITION** Does the board ensure an inclusive board member recruitment process that results No in diversity of thought and leadership? **BOARD PERFORMANCE** Has the board conducted a formal, written self-assessment of its performance within No

Organizational Demographics

Who works and leads organizations that serve our diverse communities? This organization has voluntarily shared information to answer this important question and to support sector-wide learning. GuideStar partnered on this section with CHANGE Philanthropy and Equity in the Center.

Leadership

The organization's leader identifies as:

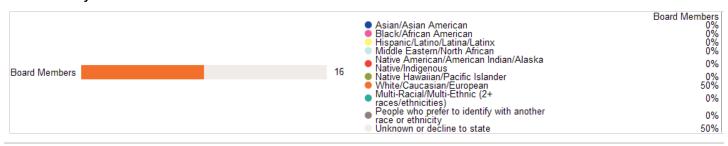
Race & Ethnicity White/Caucasian/European

Gender Identity Male, Not transgender

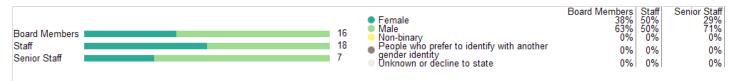
Sexual Orientation Heterosexual or Straight

Disability Status Person without a disability

Race & Ethnicity



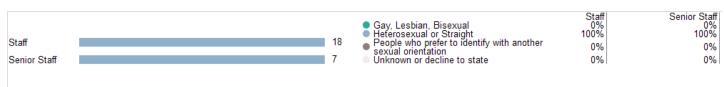
Gender Identity



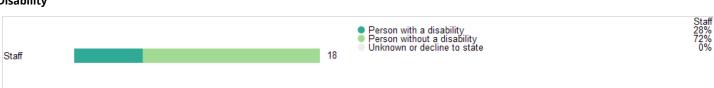
Transgender Identity



Sexual Orientation



Disability



Equity Strategies Last Updated: 10/12/2021

Candid partnered with Equity in the Center - a project that works to shift mindsets, practices, and systems within the social sector to increase racial equity - to create this section. <u>Learn More</u>

Policies and processes



We help senior leadership understand how to be inclusive leaders with learning approaches that emphasize reflection, iteration, and adaptability.

Appendix

Key Documents	
IRS Forms 990	2 <u>022 990</u>
	[2] <u>2021 990</u>
	② 2019 990
	^[건] 2018 990
IRS Forms 990T	Not Available
Audited Financial Statements	
	☑ 2021 Audited Financial Statement
	2019 Audited Financial Statement
Key Organization Documents	
	② 2020 Annual Report
	② 2009 Annual Report
	☑ 'Key Revenue & Expense Data from Form 990'

GuideStar Charity Check

VSS Catholic Communications, Inc.

Aka Spirit Catholic Radio Network

13326 A Street Omaha, NE 68144 ✓ Foundation Status Code: PC*

Public charity described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

IRS Publication 78 Details

Organization name Location Most recent IRS Publication 78

Omaha, NE March 2024 Vss Catholic Communications Inc.

Deductibility status description Verified with most recent Internal Revenue Bulletin

91-1857425 A public charity (50% deductibility limitation). March 25, 2024

IRS Business Master File Details

IRS BMF

509(a)(1)

Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status Organization name Most recent IRS BMF

VSS CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS INC March 12 2024 Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

EIN IRS subsection Ruling date 91-1857425 This organization is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity 12/1997

This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.

On September 8, 2011, the IRS issued regulations which eliminated the advance ruling process for a section 501(c)(3) organization. Learn more

* The Foundation Status Code is the code that foundations are required to provide for each grantee annually on part XV of Form 990PF. Note that this code cannot be derived in some cases (e.g., supporting organizations for which 'type' can't be determined).

IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-33 allows grantors to rely on third-party resources, such as GuideStar Charity Check, to obtain required Business Master File (BMF) data concerning a potential grantee's public charity classification under section 509 (a) (1), (2) or (3).

GuideStar Charity Check Data Sources

- -GuideStar acquires all IRS data directly from the Internal Revenue Service
- -IRS Publication 78 (Cumulative List of Organizations) lists organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
- -The <u>IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin</u> (IRB) lists changes in charitable status since the last Publication 78 release. Between the release of IRS Publication 78 and the subsequent IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin, the IRB date will reflect the most recent release date of IRS Publication 78.
- -The <u>IRS Business Master File</u> lists approximately 1.7 million nonprofits registered with the IRS as tax-exempt organizations.
- -The <u>IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List</u> contains organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years
- -The Foundation Status Code is a value derived by mapping the codes found on the <u>990PF filing instructions</u> to the corresponding codes in the IRS BMF. Note that not all codes are able to be mapped due to insufficient data.
- -The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) <u>Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list</u> organizations that are owned or controlled by targeted individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists or narcotics traffickers. Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them.