

Crunching the numbers

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If you read and have been discussing with friends and colleagues the article from The Economist, "[Earthly concerns](#)," [1] about the royal mess U.S. church finances are in, you need to be reading Mark Gray's excellent postings on [Nineteen Sixty-four](#) [2], a research blog for the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

Read down to the update, where Gray re-runs some of The Economist's figures:

The story overestimates annual Catholic Church offertory by \$4.6 billion or 50% because they assume Mass-attending individuals give an average of \$10 per week (for data see pg. 43) rather than households.

Good stuff here. [Read the full blog posting](#) [3].

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[1] <http://www.economist.com/node/21560536>

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