

Vatican outsources more financial reform

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VATICAN CITY — The Vatican is enlisting more big-name consulting firms to advise it on structural and financial reforms, tapping McKinsey & Co. to help modernize its communications operations and KPMG to bring its accounting up to international standards.

The decision was announced Thursday by the commission of inquiry into the Vatican's financial and organizational health created in July by Pope Francis as part of his plans to overhaul the antiquated and oftentimes dysfunctional Vatican bureaucracy.

Already, regulatory compliance firm Promontory Financial Group has installed two dozen people at the troubled Vatican bank to review its accounts and make sure they conform to international norms to fight money-laundering and terror financing. Promontory is also advising the Vatican's other main financial institution, APSA, which administers the Vatican's real estate.

Meanwhile, the Vatican City State, which controls the money-making Vatican Museums and duty-free department store, appointed consulting firm EY to check its books.

Francis was elected pope on a mandate from cardinals to reform the Vatican bureaucracy and make it more responsive to the needs of the 21st Century Catholic Church. He has tapped eight key cardinals from around the globe to advise him, and appointed a handful of



Pope Francis blesses the crowd Wednesday during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

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study commissions to offer expertise. The first main proposals are expected to be floated when the cardinals meet for a third time with Francis in January.

The Vatican said McKinsey would be reviewing the Vatican's many communications operations and would make recommendations on how to make them "more

functional, efficient and modern." The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the work should take about two or three months.

The Holy See, which has long suffered from communications problems, has a host of official news outlets and media offices that helps get out its message out, but they all are run independently

and report to different offices: There's Lombardi's spokesman's office, the official Vatican Radio, Vatican Television, Vatican publishing house and the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*. In recent years, the Vatican has also developed a whole operation for new media, which includes its news.va web portal, which is run by its social commu-

nications department.

The announcement of the new consultants was made ahead of Francis' Christmas address on Saturday to the Vatican Curia, or administration, which will be watched for hints of the direction Francis might take the reform.

The Vatican's financial and organizational problems, known to church insiders, were revealed publicly last year with the leaks of papal correspondence by then-Pope Benedict XVI's butler. The documents exposed turf battles, allegations of corruption in the awarding of Vatican contracts and

enormous fiscal waste, including the 550,000 euros (\$720,115) the Holy See spent in 2009 for its Christmas Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square. (For the last two years, the creches have been donated).

More recently, the Vatican was rocked by the arrest of its APSA accountant on charges he tried to smuggle 20 million euros into Italy from Switzerland.

The accountant, who had several Vatican bank accounts, is also accused of money laundering in a separate case. He has said he was only trying to help friends.

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