

## In this Issue:

[Feature Article: Valuing the User Experience: Highlights from the CRRA Annual Meeting](#)

[CRRA @ Your Library](#)

[CRRA in the News](#)

[Member News](#)

[For Your Consideration](#)

[Save the Date](#)

[Job Postings](#)

---

### Feature Article

## Valuing the User Experience: Highlights from the CRRA Annual Meeting

Discussion about the 2017 report on [Supporting the Changing Research Practices of Religious Studies Scholars](#) was led by Danielle Cooper, senior researcher, Libraries and Scholarly Communication, Ithaka S&R. Key findings from interviews with these scholar users include two seemingly contradictory ones: that libraries are not central to the research process, but also that scholars reported more use of special collections and archival resources — raising again the various perspectives on what constitutes library use. On the not so surprising front, scholars reported wanting more help managing their research data, a service already provided by many academic libraries. In further discussion, Mary Kenny noted issues for smaller archives: in particular, in the cost of interlibrary loan as scholars request more materials from religious congregation archives, and the importance of consortial resource sharing arrangements. Danielle agreed there is anxiety among scholars about the completeness of any single source of information. For more from Danielle's presentation, check out the [slides](#) which accompanied her talk.

Josh Wopata, doctoral student in religious studies at the University of Dayton, talked about finding information about Cora Evans, a largely unknown American mother, mystic, and lay saint. He was excited to attribute his success to the deep indexing of every word in finding aids on the Portal, because even though the resource was in Dayton's library, the name Cora Evans was invisible in its online catalog, as the information is deep within the Father Robert E. Hughes collection on apparitions and mystics. Two other users — Brian Buff, historian by education and information technology by profession, and Katherine Nuss, archivist at the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops — also described their interest and use of the Portal and Catholic News Archive, respectively.

CRRA committees are the prime leaders and doers in developing collaborative projects and adding content to the Portal and the Catholic News Archive. Kathy Young, Loyola University Chicago, spoke on behalf of Stephanie Shreffler, University of Dayton, and chair, Collections Committee, about digitizing parish histories, which are valuable to historians of American Catholicism as well as to local historians. A search on "parish histories" results in over 2,800 records in the Portal, of which only a handful show as full text. Clearly, digitization would expand availability and foster use.

Felice Maciejewski, Dominican University, and chair, Membership Committee, spoke about a pilot program on reciprocal resource-sharing among CRRA members, which the Committee believes is a good fit with CRRA's mission. Discussions with members in the past year showed interest in loaning loanable material, as well as scanning rare or unique special materials that can't be loaned, with participation based on capacity and local policies of individual members. Sometime this fall, the Committee will send out the draft proposal and invite members to join the pilot program.

Kevin Cawley, Notre Dame, and chair, Digital Access Committee, highlighted the ongoing work of developing access to full content, noting that over 800 digital resources were added in recent months and that the new "Limit to full text" option was prominently placed under "Narrow Search" in the Portal. Previously, the Committee worked with several members to harvest OAI resources held in local institutional repositories or ContentDM and intends to work with others this year. There are excellent descriptions on the website at [Making Content Available in the Portal](#). In addition, the Committee intends to grow collections in the Portal by offering assistance in using MARCedit and the EAD template, which offer cost-effective ways of creating records for the Portal.

During breaks, participants were treated to [historic images from member collections](#), featuring Catholic lay and religious leaders as well as early churches and university classrooms, compiled by Kathy Young, Loyola University Chicago.

---

## ***CRRRA @ Your Library***

Every new academic year is a welcome opportunity to reconnect with students, faculty and colleagues. As you prepare for the coming year, keep in mind the diverse resources accessible on our website:

- [Catholic digital resources](#) supplement the Portal with descriptions and links to Catholic digital resources at member institutions, individual tools such as the first volume of the *Catholic Periodical Index*, and past digital exhibits featured on the CRRRA home page.
- [The Catholic Portal](#), with new resources added over the summer, a growing number of digital resources, and a new feature allowing users to limit to full text, contains records to rare and unique member-held resources in all formats, and a growing number of resources available in digital form, or "full text items."
- The [Catholic News Archive](#) provides access to nine Catholic newspapers with more content and titles to be added by October.
- [Subject guides](#) can be used as is or copied and edited to fit into your library's user education program and local subject guides. Topics range from the very specific, such as the *Amoris Laetitia* papal encyclical, to the very broad, such as Catholic missions in North America.
- [Lightning talks by members](#) on their unique [digital collections](#) and [archival collections](#).

We at CRRRA are excited to be working with Leslie Brownell, association manager, and others at Capital Hill Association Management Services, so we are ready to work with committees, members, partners, and users in delivering the resources and services you need. First up is a new infrastructure for the CRRRA website for enhanced functionality and services for members. We will ask committees to take a final look and then roll it out for everyone. Rest assured, however, there will be no interruption in service for members, partners, or users while we retire the old and roll in the new. In early fall, the Board will adopt the final draft of this year's plan — the [Strategic Plan 2017-18: Goals](#) — and the Board and Committees will begin their work. A new task force will update the financial plan and funding model for the Catholic News Archive.

We look forward to working for and with all of you this year.

With best regards from all of us,

Josh Dinsman, Digital Projects Associate

Todd Jensen, Project Manager, Catholic News Archive

Pat Lawton, Digital Projects Librarian

Jennifer Younger, Executive Director

---

## ***CRRRA in the News***

**Feature Article on CRRRA Newspaper Digitization Project in *Archival Spirit*, the Newsletter of Archivists of Religious Collections Section of the Society of American Archivists (ARCS)**

*"We need to give our all to get the job done anyway, as hard as that may sometimes be. We need more than ever to stand shoulder to shoulder, helping each other by sharing our expertise and experience. When we are told 'no, you can't,' we should respond loudly, 'yes, we will.'" — Dee Gallo, ARCS chair and CRRRA member, Daughters of Charity*

The [July 2017 issue of \*Archival Spirit\*](#) features an article by Katherine Nuss, MLS Information/Archives Services Manager, Catholic News Service / U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops, Washington, DC, entitled "Digitization Project Preserving Century of Catholic Newspapers and Newsfeeds," which discusses the CRRRA's digitization efforts via the Catholic News Archive. Our projects and members continue to move forward our mission in significant ways. Please also see in this issue articles by CRRRA member institutions the University of Dayton and Marquette University.

---

### **Focus on New Portal Content: Daughters of Charity Collections on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Orphanages Featured in the *ACWR News***

Dee Gallo, Provincial Archivist, Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives, reported in the [May 2017 issue of the \*ACWR News\*](#) that the Archives now has two major collections represented in the Portal: selected scans of the *Mother Seton Guild Bulletin*, and finding aids for the orphanages run by the Daughters, with more materials being added regularly. Published from 1941 to 1972, the *Bulletin*, founded to promote the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton, was the "Official Publication of the Vice Posulator," Rev. Salvator Burgio, C.M. Its contents not only trace the development of the Seton cause, but also give a vivid picture of how the public participated and assisted in furthering the canonization process. The bulletins also trace the founding of the Sisters of Charity Federation in its early stages, with membership of the Daughters of Charity and the Sisters of Charity congregations of New York, New Jersey, Cincinnati, Seton Hill, and Halifax. The second project will expedite the research into the Provincial Archives' most requested information: orphanages run by the Daughters. CRRRA will eventually make available EAD finding aids for all 56 collections. Eventually, photographs of each institution will be linked to each entry as well. For all those interested in the lives, contributions, and experiences of women religious, the addition of these collections is a welcome event.

Currently available in the [Portal](#) are 14 finding aids describing orphanages from St. Louis, New Orleans, Detroit, and more. Also currently available are 17 issues of the *Bulletin*, with more to come.

---

## **More CRRA News: In the monthly CRRA Liaisons Bulletin**

Under the leadership of Liaisons Council Chair, Ximena Valdivia, the Liaisons began publishing a monthly Bulletin in November 2015. The Bulletin brings monthly news on members' professional development, achievements and conferences, as well as institutional projects and grant opportunities. All member news and articles are welcome. [All issues are available](#) on the CRRA website by following the "What's New" tab.

---

## ***Member News***

### **Kapsner Cataloging Bulletin**

Gina Solares, Head of Cataloging and Metadata Management at the University of San Francisco, has a Letter to the Editor in the July 2017 Oliver Leonard Kapsner, O.S.B. Cataloging Bulletin, e-newsletter of the Catholic Library Association. She wrote about the contradictions she found when trying to identify the author of a 17th century biography of Sor Maria de Jesus, a Conceptionist nun from Puebla, Mexico.

To read the letter, please go to Letters to the Editor (p. 10)  
at: <http://cathla.org/Documents/KapsnerBulletin/kapsnerbulletin40.pdf>

---

### **CLW Book Review**

Three times a year, the journal of the Catholic Library Association, *Catholic Library World*(CLW), features book reviews of interest to Catholic librarians. Starting with this issue, the CRRA News will include selected reviews from upcoming CLWs. If we get good feedback and interest from you, our readers, this will become a regular feature. Please drop us a line with your thoughts!

Our first featured CLW review is for a book by Kyle B. Roberts, on the faculty at CRRRA member institution Loyola University-Chicago, entitled *Evangelical Gotham: Religion and the Making of New York City, 1783-1860* (University of Chicago Press, 2016, 352 pp., ISBN 9780226388144, \$50.00). Reviewer Jay T. Harrison calls Roberts' effort "an exquisite gem of a book," that "explains the lesser-known experiences among early Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, and other less organized congregations in the creation of holy spaces in New York neighborhoods during the decades before the Civil War."

To read the full review, please visit the following link: <http://bit.ly/2iF5h2M>

---

## ***For Your Consideration***

### **Catholic Hospitals Digital History Books Collection**

A new and freely-available digital resource comes from the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, whose members sponsor approximately 100 Catholic hospitals and health care facilities throughout Canada. The [Catholic Hospitals Digital History Books Collection](#) documents the legacy and contributions of the Congregations of Religious Women in Canada, their mission in health care, and the founding and operation of Catholic hospitals.

To read the books or find out how you can help, go to: [http://www.chac.ca/about/history/digital\\_e.php](http://www.chac.ca/about/history/digital_e.php)

---

### **Back Issues of Periodicals Available**

Jennifer Nodes, Director of Library Services, Ave Maria University, wrote to say the library has many periodical back issues to be removed from storage and given away. Periodicals range from *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, mostly complete from 1909 - 1989) to *Inside the Vatican* and *Journal of American History*. She has a complete inventory, which you may have seen on other listservs.

If you are interested or know of a library or archive that might be interested, contact her at: [jennifer.nodes@avemaria.edu](mailto:jennifer.nodes@avemaria.edu).

---

## ***Save the Date***

### **Envisioning the Future of Catholic Religious Archives: A Working Conference at Boston College, July 11-13, 2018**

The conference will seek to engage leaders of religious communities, archivists, and historians who are committed to safeguarding their legacy. Speakers and panels will address the preservation, accessibility, and interpretation of unique archival resources held by religious communities.

Please contact Michael J. Burns at [michaelburns.7@bc.edu](mailto:michaelburns.7@bc.edu) to be added to the mailing list for further information.

---

## ***Job Postings***

### **Director, Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

The Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, a religious non-profit organization with materials reflecting the history of the Catholic faith in the larger Philadelphia area, is looking for an inspirational leader and experienced archivist to publicize, supervise, process, and preserve analog and electronic records, documents, and artifacts, thereby fostering and communicating the history, heritage, and spirit of the Catholic community both locally and nationally. This person directs the safekeeping of archival documents and records, promotes these materials to the greater community, manages access, and collaborates with community members, staff, and researchers seeking information.



Resumes can be send to Ms. Cait Kokolus at [ckokolus@scs.edu](mailto:ckokolus@scs.edu), Director, Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

For more information, consult: [http://cathla.org/Main/News/Job\\_Openings.aspx](http://cathla.org/Main/News/Job_Openings.aspx)

---

### **Instructional Technology and Reference Librarian, Rosemont College Library Services**

The Instructional Technology/Reference Librarian assists faculty and librarians in incorporating technology and supportive software into the curriculum; provides access to information through better use of the library website; provides training and workshops to faculty/staff; assists with the building and implementing of online courses; oversees digital initiatives; participates in collection development; and participates in the daily Reference Desk rotation including one evening per week.

More information is available

at: [http://cathla.org/Main/News/Job\\_Opening\\_Announcements/Instructional\\_Technology\\_and\\_Reference\\_Librarian\\_Rosemont\\_College\\_Library\\_Services.aspx](http://cathla.org/Main/News/Job_Opening_Announcements/Instructional_Technology_and_Reference_Librarian_Rosemont_College_Library_Services.aspx).

TO APPLY: Log in to the Rosemont College Online Employment System, <https://jobs.rosemont.edu/>, find the listing for the librarian position, and fill in Rosemont College's online employment application. For technical assistance, please call [1-800-978-4545](tel:1-800-978-4545). For all other assistance, please contact Lois Sauer, [lois.sauer@rosemont.edu](mailto:lois.sauer@rosemont.edu) or [610-527-0200](tel:610-527-0200), Ext. 2211.

---

### **Librarian Position**

Cathedral Seminary House of Formation

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm and Monday and Wednesday 1:00pm-9:00pm

Compensation: \$42,000- \$48,000.

For consideration please email a cover letter and resume to Fr. George Sears (Rector) at: [fr.george.sears@cathedralseminary.org](mailto:fr.george.sears@cathedralseminary.org)

### POSITION SUMMARY

The Librarian is responsible for the overall operation of the library, which provides information services to faculty, seminarians, students, administrators, staff, candidates in the diaconate formation program, and the senior priests at the Mugavero Residence. The Librarian will perform administrative and technical duties requiring accuracy and attention to details. The Librarian develops, maintains, and provides access to and instruction in library resources and information.

View the full job description [on the CLA Website](#).



---

Our mailing address is:

[4175 Cherokee Drive](#)  
[Madison WI 53711](#)

[Add us to your address book](#)

MailChimp