

CRRA Fall 2019 Newsletter



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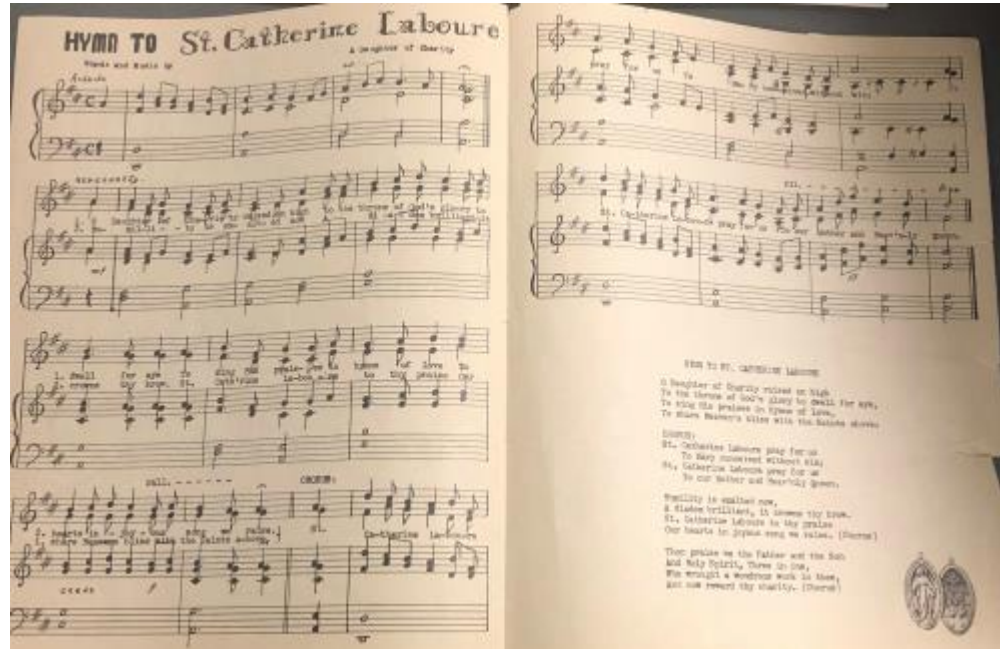
Save the Date for CRRA's Annual Meeting!

CRRA's 2020 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, May 7, 2020**. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us online for this informative virtual event!



Understanding a Community in Song: the Daughters of Charity Sacred Music Collections

by Shea Rowell, Intern, Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise, 2019



Some of the richest sources of Catholic culture and history lie in the communities of women religious. Researchers, however, may overlook these communities, and it can be difficult for these communities to reach out or make their history public due to the challenges they face in membership and funding, not to mention the daily demands of living out their charism. For the few communities who are members, CRRA provides a fully developed archival resource to preserve their historical treasures and make them accessible to the public. A new community finding aid resource has just been added to the CRRA database: “Daughters of Charity Sacred Music Collections.” This resource contains the sacred music held in the Provincial Archives of the Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise, in Emmitsburg, MD.

This collection contains great insight into the Daughters of Charity community life. The Daughters themselves were the composers, lyricists, and copyists of the pieces in the collection, and their own musical creations were used in community worship settings both during and after their lifetimes. Their musical liturgies, then, were created by and for the daughters. Most of them reflect on the lives of the Vincentian saints, including St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Catherine Labouré, and on the role of a Daughter of Charity as a servant of God and of the poor. One of the pieces in the collection, “Jerusalem, My Happy Home!” is even attributed to the United States community’s founding mother, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton herself!

This collection also provides direct access to the music of Sr. Daniel Hannefin (1928-95). Her contribution to the community in the West Central Province is undeniable. Holding Bachelor’s degrees in History and Philosophy from Fontbonne College in St. Louis, and an MA in English from Loyola University in Chicago, Sr. Daniel was a dedicated teacher, writer, and historian of the community. She spent many years teaching elementary and secondary education, as well as pastoral care in hospitals and social work. At the end of her life, Sr. Daniel served as the Archivist at the Marillac Provincial House in St. Louis. Her written contributions were vast; Sr. Daniel wrote devotional poetry, as well as theological and historical articles about the community. Her book: [Daughters of the Church: A Popular](#)

History of the Daughters of Charity in the United States, 1809-1987, is available online through the Vincentian Heritage Collection at DePaul University.

Her musical contributions are likewise extensive. While Sr. Daniel herself could not read music, she was a talented singer and lyricist. Her adaptations and translations of existing hymn or chant melodies were frequently used in the community, as well as her original compositions. Her music documents her perspective of the community, and the prayers she prayed while striving to live the will of God through her vocation.

In addition to Sr. Daniel's compositions, "Daughters of Charity Sacred Music Collections" contains the works of a wide variety of Daughters, as well as the music that they copied and collected for personal use. The Daughters' worship practices and community rituals, their prayers and spiritual aspirations, and even their struggles are highlighted in the notes and lyrics of their sacred music. Understanding the music of the Daughters of Charity is central to understanding the community as the Daughters themselves saw it, and to recognizing the artistic gifts that individual daughters brought to their vocations and to the diversity of the Catholic faith.

The Archives of the Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise is located in Emmitsburg, Maryland. They can be contacted at archives@doc.org.

St. Mary's University joins CRRA

Please join us in welcoming St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX as the newest member of CRRA!

St. Mary's University, as a Catholic Marianist University, fosters the formation of people in faith and educates leaders for the common good through community, integrated liberal arts and professional education, and academic excellence. The [Louis J. Blume Library](#) supports over 3,500 undergraduate, graduate and law students through a full range of collection and research services. Caroline Byrd, Executive Director, and Margaret Sylvia, Assistant Director for Technical Services, noted the newly-established Center for Catholic Studies at St. Mary's is one impetus for joining CRRA. The Center will foster cross-curricular scholarly activities and provide external programs that integrate the Marianist heritage and Catholic mission of St. Mary's with special attention to the local Hispanic Catholic culture of San Antonio.

The Library's [special collections](#) include unique collections, among them the Collection of Catholic Church Imprints of devotional books in the several vernacular languages used by Catholics in Texas, liturgical books and liturgical music, dating from the 1600s to the 1900s, and the fascinating collection of [Carmelo A. Tranchese, SJ](#) who was the first Catholic priest to become involved with the social issues facing his community during the Great Depression. As the University memory center, the [University Archives](#) comprises approximately 400 linear feet of records and "collectively tell the story of St. Mary's University's past in order to help inform its present and future." Inventories and finding aids are in process. More information is available from the Special Collections Librarian Jill Crane at jcrane3@stmarytx.edu.

We are pleased to welcome Caroline, Margaret, and the staff to CRRA!

Pictured below from L to R: Margaret Sylvia; now-retired Government Documents librarian Kathy Amen (left), Caroline Byrd (center), and now-retired U.S. Superintendent of Documents Mary Alice Baish celebrating 50 years as a federal documents depository library:



Update on CRRA Resources

New Milestone in Sight for the Catholic News Archive: Half a Million Pages!

by Todd Jensen, CRRA

We're very excited to announce that we now have **496,335 pages** on the Catholic News Archive! The Catholic World in Pictures is currently in testing and several other collections will be coming, so we will be crossing the half-million mark very soon.

We've recently completed and published The Catholic News Service Newsfeeds from 1920 to 1985. That's almost 10,000 issues! We have also recently completed and published La Esperanza, 1929 through 1954.

CNA Usage Stats

In addition to reaching this new milestone, we're very encouraged to see the number of CNA users continue to climb.

- Average monthly users through recent years:
 - 2017 - 397
 - 2018 - 2,305
 - 2019 (YTD) - 4,852
- Our highest monthly average so far this year was in February at 6,308.

Most users come into the site from existing bookmarks or from Google and other search engines. But 4,252 new users this year came from referral partners and links that they have on their site to the Catholic News Archive. Keep up your good work!

New Art & Religion Subject Guide

by Stephanie Schreffler, CRRA Collections Committee Chair

Ted Bergfelt, Duquesne University, wrote [this Art and Religion Subject Guide](#) to link Catholic Portal users to digital collections of religious art at CRRA member institutions. It also provides links that search the Catholic Portal for books and archival materials on related topics, and to Church documents on the relation of art and the Christian faith. Click the title of a collection to visit its website.

Comings, Goings, and Recognition

Farewell to Josh Dinsman



It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to our Web guru, analyst, writer in residence, problem solver, and friend Josh Dinsman. We delight in the news that Josh has taken a position as Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at Five Towns College, very near his home in New York.

Josh joined us in Fall 2015 to serve as the CRRA Website Manager/Digital Projects Assistant. At that time, the CRRA's website software, Concrete5, was in dire need of updating. Josh worked closely with technology teams at Notre Dame, Villanova, and the Concrete5 team to assess the situation and ensure a smooth upgrade process, which was made complicated by terribly outdated software and the latest version requiring a true seachange. Josh took on this first challenge, as he took on all successive challenges, with little fanfare and quietly, collaboratively, ensured a successful and timely migration.

Josh did many things for CRRA, from managing the website, developing, disseminating, analyzing, and communicating survey results, editing and providing content for our newsletters, creating online exhibits, and more. Anything we needed, any problem to solve and Josh could do it, and would do it, with a good spirit. Many of you have had the pleasure to work with him or have benefited from his many contributions. His work was consistently of the highest quality and exceeded expectations, and he did it all with a quiet grace.

It has been an absolute privilege and joy to work with Josh and we wish him well in his new endeavors. We will miss you, Josh, and sincerely thank you for all you have contributed to the professionalism, growth, and success of CRRA!

Congratulations to Meghan McGrath on the arrival of baby Hudson!

Please join us in congratulating CRRA Administrator Meghan McGrath on the birth of her daughter!

Hudson Zarozny Borden was born on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9:18 pm. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Hudson is Meghan's first child, and we are very happy to hear all has been going well in these first few weeks since her arrival.



Meet Laura Lyman

While Meghan is away, Laura Lyman, also an association manager at Capitol Hill Management Services, is working with CRRA. She brings great experience and management skills to the job. We are fortunate she was available and we'll miss her when Meghan returns.



Congratulations to Cait Kokolus on receiving the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice from Pope Francis

We congratulate Cait Kokolus, Vice President for Information Services and Assessment at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary – Ryan Memorial Library, and an early member of CRRA, on receiving the Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* from Pope Francis.

The Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, also known as the Cross of Honor, comes directly from the Holy See and is composed of a gold medal with the name of the honor inscribed, as well as a scroll. Pope Leo XIII established this honor in 1888. It is awarded to Catholics aged forty-five and above who have shown distinguished service to the Church and to the Papal office. – *Atla.com*

Five CRRA members were live at the CLA 2019 Fall Virtual Conference!

Recordings from the CLA 2019 Fall Virtual Conference are now available to CLA members on cathla.org. If you are interested in listening but not a CLA member, check with the presenter for access.

- "Peacebuilding and Diplomacy: Mutual Respect and Dialogue in our Library Communities" ([Kathryn Shaughnessy](#), St. John's University)
- "Back to the Future - Catholic College Libraries, A Centennial Retrospective, 1919 and 2019" ([Alan Delozier](#), Seton Hall University)
- "LibGuides as Catholic Studies Discovery Tools" ([Ted Bergfelt](#), Duquesne University)
- "Preserving Access to Catholic Newspapers" ([Darren Poley](#), Villanova University)
- "Dialogue is a Bridge: Mapping Information Literacy, Social Justice, and Catholic Social Teaching" (Desirae Zingarelli-Sweet & [Elisa Slater Acosta](#), Loyola Marymount University)

From the Board

by Mark Shelton, CRRA Board Chair

With the start of a new academic year, for many of us that means working with our many students and faculty as they conduct their research. It is the Board's hope that each of you finds value in using and recommending the Catholic News Archive as well as the resources in the Catholic Portal as important sources of knowledge and scholarship. All of the resources are there to benefit scholars at all levels, as well as those who may have just a curious fascination or interest. With that in mind, and seeing the constantly growing utilization of the Catholic News Archive and other resources, the Board has been working to consider how we move forward with the Strategic Planning work done earlier in the year. To do this, we have the benefit of bringing several new members to the Board. They include:

- **Emily Asch**, MLS, Director of Libraries and Archives, St. Catherine University
- **Paul Bracke**, PhD, Dean of Library Services, Gonzaga University
- **Felice Maciejewski**, MLS, University Librarian, Dominican University

The new [Strategic Plan](#), which was approved by the Board on June 26, 2019, will guide the work of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance for the next three years. It establishes four main goals:

1. Enhance and improve our products and services by ensuring member and scholar usability.
2. Focus activities to sustain and strengthen the financial and structural long-term organizational viability and growth.
3. Increase membership development through recruitment, engagement and retention activities.
4. Seek external opportunities for collaboration, partnership and increasing brand awareness.

It is amazing that so much hard work done by the strategic planning team can be boiled down into four goals. Yet these goals and the accompanying objectives will help guide CRRA and the work of the Board. The Board has already set its priorities for the coming year based on these goals and objectives, with an eye towards how the work of this year will help build for the following. The Board looks forward to a successful year and working with all members of CRRA to implement this important plan.

Leadership & Development Opportunities

New Faces on the CRRA Membership Committee

by Kris Veldheer, CRRA Membership Committee Chair

Three members recently joined the CRRA [Membership Committee](#). It is my pleasure to welcome Scott Keefer, Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives (Emmitsburg, MD), Peggy Fry, Georgetown University, and Beth Pollicino Murphy, St. Joseph's College, (Long Island and Brooklyn, NY). It's a big year for the committee and we are pleased they will bring their insights and experience to our work!

Pictured below from L to R: Scott Keefer, Peggy Fry, Elizabeth Pollicino Murphy



Opportunities to Enhance the Catholic Portal

Eric Lease Morgan, University of Notre has developed, maintained and enhanced CRRA's Catholic Portal for over a decade. He has worked closely with the Digital Access Committee, the Collections Committee and CRRA members and partners to ensure it operates smoothly and in the way we want it to. We are now creating opportunities for others to handle activities such as setting up record loading, configuring software, troubleshooting, writing instructions for making content available, and communicating with members.

These are exciting opportunities for enterprising individuals seeking to expand their technical expertise, extend their professional network and support scholarship globally by enhancing discoverability of Catholic resources. If you have questions or are interested in learning more at this early stage, please write to [Kevin Cawley](#), Chair, Digital Access Committee, and/or [Jennifer Younger](#), CRRA Executive Director.

CRRA In the News

1) While the celebration during International Open Access Week (October 21-27, 2019) has come and gone, it is never out of fashion to remember the value of open access to users. CRRA's commitment to the goal of making more content accessible to all with liberal reuse rights is realized in the freely available [Catholic News Archive](#) and the [Catholic Portal](#). The University of Dayton's [blog post](#) highlights the value of these resources "not just to Catholic institutions' academic programs and research priorities, but to researchers worldwide." Thank you to all of our members and partners for making this possible.

2) *Faith, Scholarship, and Catholic News*. A recent article published in the [ACCU Update Newsletter](#), Fall 2019, pp.11-12 highlighted the connection between the academic institutional mission and CRRA's mission of providing enduring global access to Catholic resources. In an interesting juxtaposition, the article by Maria Mazzenga, Catholic University, and Jennifer Younger, CRRA, follows [an article on the legacy of Cardinal John Henry Newman](#), a scholar and future saint who was passionate about the possibilities of Catholic education.

3) Would you think to search baseball, Hollywood or technology in the Catholic News Archive? Perhaps not, yet these terms as well as terms such as voting, Civil War and immigration returned more than 5,000 search results. Read more in [Fully Searchable, Open Digital Repository at Your Fingertips](#) by

Josh Dinsman, CRRA and Darren Poley, Villanova University. (Published first in the Catholic Library World, it is used here with permission of the authors.)

News from the Field

CLA Cataloging Roundtable Update

Issue 49 (October 2019) of the Oliver Kapsner O.S.B. Cataloging Bulletin has been posted online and is now available. [Please click here to view.](#)

Stay Engaged!

Check out our latest blog posts [HERE!](#) Interested in writing a blog post or already have an article ready to be published on our website? Let us know by contacting Meghan McGrath, Association Manager at mmcgrath@catholicresearch.org!

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