

Building a Catholic News Archive

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Today's discussion

- You have an e-edition. What next?
- Why an archive? Value proposition & problem
- Catholic Newspapers Program
- Building a Catholic News Archive
- Dark archiving & preservation
- Collaboration & partners
- Sustainability

Value proposition

- Foster use put Catholic newspapers "in front" of people who don't imagine reading them
- Foster subscriptions through historical availability
- Probe inquiries across newspapers for new connections & historical perspectives
- Gain appreciation of those living the faith
- Learn more about family history
- Reflect the significant impact of the Church, its communities, its families
- Be good stewards of Catholic newspapers

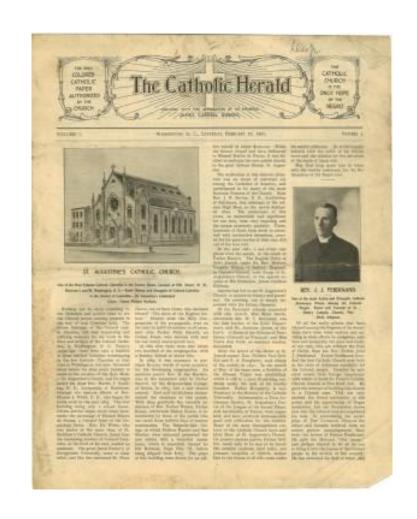
What is the need?

- Print is fragile, endangered, scattered
- Often stored in the basement
- Only a handful of microfilm archives exist
- Diverse & scattered digitization underway
- E-editions emerging
- No coordinated plan for long-term preservation of print, digitized or e-editions
- Our responsibility to the Church

Catholic Newspapers Program

Started 2011

The goal is to provide freely available access to extant Catholic newspapers published in the U.S. and Canada



CNP's parts & partners

- A comprehensive directory
- Digitization projects
- A Catholic News Archive digitized, e-editions
- Ten newspapers plus CNS (1920-1986)
- Twenty five partnering institutions
- http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.p hp/crra-groups/catholic-newspapers-taskforce/crra-digitizing-partners/

Catholic Newspapers Online

This list is being compiled by the Catholic Research Resources Alliance with the help of all in support of the goal *to provide access to all extant Catholic newspapers in North America*. Thank you in advance for your participation.

How You Can Help

Browse Titles Alphabetically:

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885 (Newton College, Newton, Mass.)

1952-1973

http://bit.ly/VmR6qo

The 885 was the student newspaper of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic women's college in operation from 1946 through 1975 when it merged with Boston College. Boston College recognizes the alumna of Newton College of the Sacred Heart and considers these graduates part of the legacy that is the Boston College Alumni.

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Arkansas Catholic, formerly The Southern Guardian/The Guardian (Little Rock, AR)

1911 - 1965

Snowflakes in the air

- 20th century is missing
- Selected articles only available on most sites
- No presence in major newspaper databases
- No unified access to Individual archives and sites
- Standardized data formats?
- Commitments to digital preservation?
- Recent survey suggests interest in collaboratively digitizing the 20th century

Join the revolution

- Digital humanities historians can search for every trace of a person, relate these across documents, write history rich with details
- A vast body of historical newspapers accessible
- Catholic newspapers are under-represented in leading online sources
- Catholic Church less visible in U.S. histories?
- Tim Meagher ,The Catholic University of America



Building our foundation

Priority papers for digitization \$2 million to digitize 1.5 million pages

Diocesan

Boston, 1829-

Chicago, 1852-

Hartford, 1829-

New Orleans, 1842-

New York, 1860-

Philadelphia, 1830-2002

San Francisco, 1861-

St. Louis, 1941-

National: • Catholic News Service newsfeeds, 1920-1986 • National Catholic Reporter, 1964- • Our Sunday Visitor, 1912-



A CRRA collaborative project underway

- Digitize ten newspapers and CNS (1920-1986)
 - European Immigration (1880-1919)
 - Vatican II (1958-1972)
- Aggregate into Catholic News Archive
- Benefits
 - Enable digital learning and scholarship
 - Shared, lower costs for institutions
 - Expert management

http://newspapers.bc.edu/

- 9 student, diocesan, Jesuit newspapers
- 5,007 issues comprising 88,717 pages and 318,973 articles
- Includes the first three of the many titles used for the newspaper known as the *Pilot*
- Reader / researcher experience is key
- High degree of functionality, speed, and ease— Veridian platform

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The *Pilot*: 3 early titles

The Stylus

The earliest of the Boston College newspapers, the *Stylus* was founded by students in 1883. The paper featured literary contributions, as well as alumni, athletics, and other college news. By 1933, the *Stylus* was entirely an undergraduate literary magazine; it continues as such today. Issues of *Stylus*, from January 1883 through December 1922, are available online.

Jesuit, or, Catholic sentinel (Boston, Mass.: 1829)

Founded in 1829 by Benedict Fenwick, a Jesuit priest and the second bishop of Boston, this is the first of several titles used for the newspaper that is now known as the Pilot.

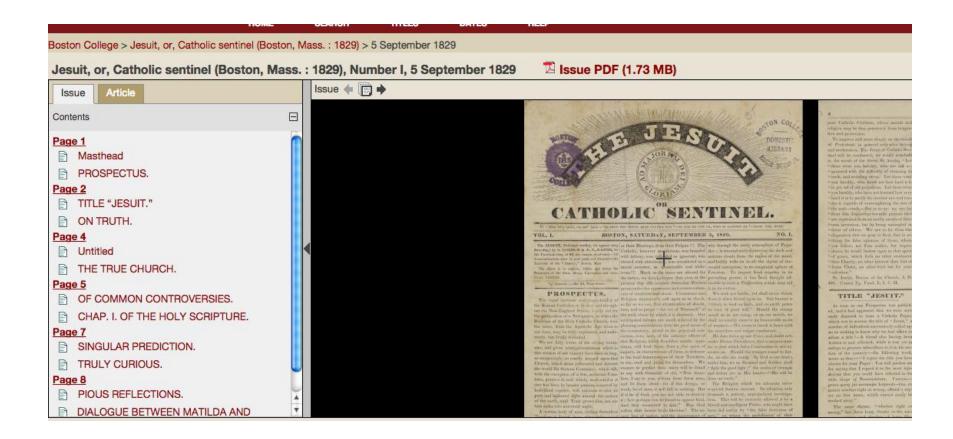
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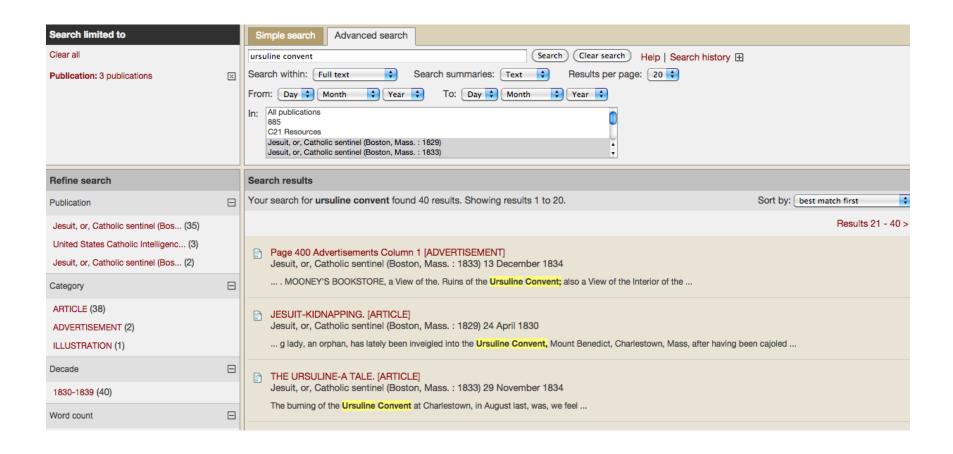


The Ursuline Convent, 1834

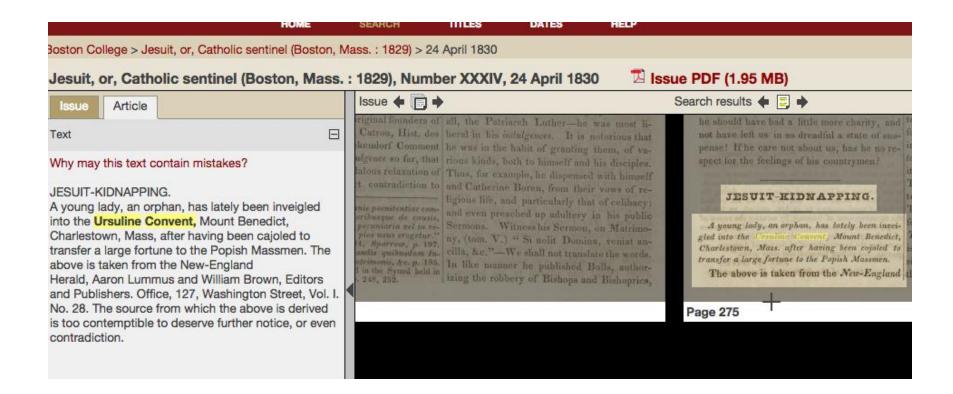


- Charlestown (MA) convent burned to ground
- A school for girls run by Ursuline nuns; not to teach Catholicism but it was open to all
- Prior to the riot, Rebecca Reed claimed to be an escaped nun from the Ursuline Convent; her tales of their cruelty were published in Six Months in a Convent
- Now, the book is considered fictionalized, a prime piece of anti-Catholic propaganda
- Bostonians read this tale and were angered

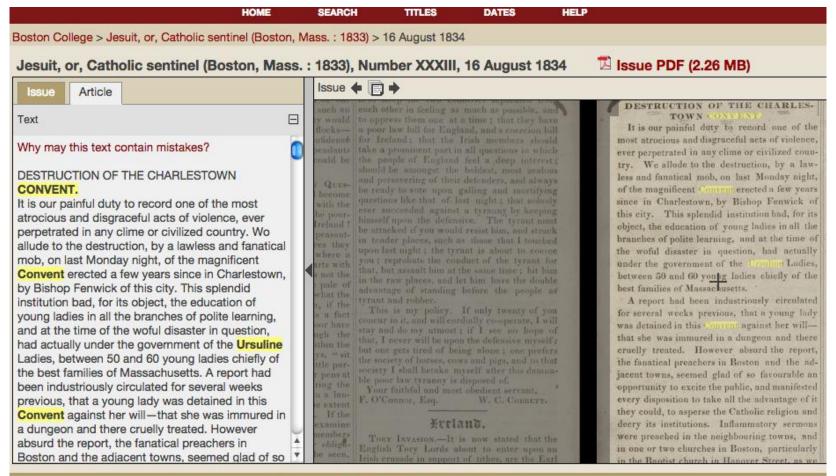
Searching across issues of the Pilot: "Ursuline Convent"



Jesuit Kidnapping 1830



16 Aug 1834 Destruction of the Convent



INFORMATION WANTED



United States Catholic Intelligencer, Number XXXIX, 22 June 1832

Issue P

Issue Article

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Why may this text contain mistakes?

INFORMATION WANTED of Owen Prouty from Drummerhave, near Roslea, county Fermanagh, Ireland. He arrived at St. John's, N. B. in June, 1831, whence he embarked for New York in the autumn. Any information respecting him will be thankfully received by his Sister Margaret, or ● chert Kennedy, Sister Street, Boston. June 8.

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Global search of historic newspapers

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The goal of Elephind.com is to make it possible to search all the world's online historic newspapers from one place. We aren't there yet, but we are adding more newspapers every day.

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Elephind.com Statistics

Sources	Titles	Newspapers	Items	Earliest	Latest
Trove [National Library of Australia]	681	1,303,275	117,749,878	5 March 1803	1 November 2007
Chronicling America [US Library of	1,060	908,612	6,846,382	5 January 1836	31 December 1922

Building a Catholic News Archive

- Identify digitized and digital content
- Set up a discovery and delivery platform
- Engage with online audiences
- A dark archive & digital preservation
- Sustain the archive

Discovery, delivery and use

- A first-rate reader & researcher experience
- Find articles in one newspaper or across newspapers in seconds
- Download a PDF of an issue
- Blog & tweet to tell the story
- Crowd-sourcing text correction
- Veridian has expertise delivering newspapers

Digital content in perpetuity

- An archive is a vault
- Critical to long-term institutional strategies
- CRRA mission enduring global access
- Dodging the Memory Hole

A dark archive

- Secure, low-cost online backup for recovery or repair
- Guards against data degradation
- Does not curate data for hardware/software changes
- Amazon Glacier, Individual repositories
- First step in digital preservation

A trusted digital repository

- Preservation services curate digital material for long-term usability in face of data, hardware or software changes
- Library collaborations: Digital Preservation Network, MetaArchive Cooperative Commercial services: Preservica Cloud
- Audited and certified

Collaboration & partnering

- 107 responses to survey
- Everyone is archiving
- Eighty percent of all survey respondents
 (libraries, archives and publishers) want to know more about collaboratively implementing a searchable archive
- Many partners essential for success

A shared Catholic News Archive

- Aggregation is powerful
- Shared costs & cost savings
- Expert management
- Many voices participate in development
- Content in the archive and individual sites
- New revenue streams for institutions as use drives traffic to websites, sells subscriptions, higher ad revenue

A shared Catholic News Archive

- Community infrastructure and asset
- Identify scope, terms of participation and use
- Disseminate digitizing, PDF guidelines
- Accept digitized/digital content from many
- Create an incentive for digitization
- Respect needs of publishers, libraries, archives and users in North American Catholic Newspaper Community

Sustainability

- Cost recovery model
- Freely available
- Fees for participants / premium services
- Supporters, members, sponsors
- Why support?
- Access to knowledge improves our world
- Affirm contribution of Catholic Church

What is known must be shared

- This digitizing effort will make available at the click of a button nearly 175 years of local Catholic history.
- The Catholic Church needs to have its history easily accessible to researchers and interested readers, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.
- We can tell our story directly and effectively.
- Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop, New Orleans

Looking ahead



- Directory
- Digitization
- E-editions
- Catholic News Archive
- Collaboration
- Sustainability