Scope of the Catholic Newspapers Digitization Project

The Scholars Advisory Committee has recommended that priority papers for digitization include major US newspapers and have noted the advantage of comparing local or regional perspectives to the national story. Thus, in addition to major city papers, our priority list includes the National Catholic Reporter, Our Sunday Visitor, and newsfeeds from the Catholic News Service.

Ideally, we will digitize all years from the paper's beginning to the present*. Copyright and cost issues may be prohibitive and with that in mind, priority years have been identified to include pre-1923 (public domain) and 1958-1970 for coverage from the pre and post-Vatican II years.

Specific cities and papers include:

- *Boston Pilot*
- *Catholic News Service* newsfeeds
- Chicago *Catholic New World*
- Hartford *Catholic Transcript*
- Miami *Florida Catholic*
- *National Catholic Reporter*
- *Our Sunday Visitor*
- New Orleans *Clarion Herald*
- New York *Catholic News*
- Philadelphia *Catholic Standard & Times*
- San Francisco *Monitor*
- *St. Louis Review*

Timeline for Digitizing Catholic Newspapers
Jan. 13, 2014

October 2013
First meeting with Lyrasis to outline project
First meeting with Digitizing Partners to gauge interest

November-December
Define project scope
Work with Lyrasis to understand what data needed to determine costs
Gathering page counts (partners)
Identify prospective funding targets

January 2014
Work on gathering page counts continues
Work with partners to identify any gaps in papers
Convene the Repository group, identifies costs for various repository options
Complete page counts, add data to spreadsheet
Determine aggregate costs (all papers) and per paper costs
Draft concept proposal for CRRA Board

February-
Concept proposal to Board Feb. 7
Draft agreement with digitizing partners
Take concept proposal to targeted funding agencies, pending Board approval

Anticipated Summer 2014
Begin preparing materials for shipping to vendor