



Catholic Research Resources Alliance

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Board

- Establishment of a CRRA Development (Fundraising) Committee to guide and coordinate CRRA fundraising initiatives
- Board review (past and this spring) of fundraising options for the newspapers digitization progress, developing an understanding of what this means for CRRA
- Adopted recommendation of Catholic Newspapers Task Force to participate in ICON for purpose of creating Catholic Newspapers Directory in ICON Registry
- Bylaws revision for enhanced member governance in process
- Continuing collaboration with Membership Committee in developing a strategic approach to seeking new members and partners

Collections

- Made thematic collections more obvious on the Portal site through the development of themes in the revised Collection Policy
- Collaborated with and provided guidance on collection issues including appropriateness of content from institutional repositories, website redesign, the newspapers program, the EAD template, and portal documentation

DAC (Digital Access Committee)

- Explored options for associating identified collecting themes with specific records in Portal
- Promoted use of features in VuFind to allow users to add commentary, notes, comments, and/or tagging
- Upgraded to VuFind 2.0
- Began work to harvest member content from digital repositories (Marquette journal "Conversations" and ContentDM content from Duquesne)
- Began development and testing of a tool for generating EAD files
- Revised "Making Your Content Available" documentation
- Collected list of CRRA Member Digital Collections
- Collaborated with and provided technical guidance to CRRA committees concerning the newspapers program, LibGuides, OCLC/WMS, use of genre terms for shared collections and portal themes, and the Digital Content Platform Survey

Liaisons Council

- Oriented and educated liaisons about CRRA with a webinar
- Identified member digital collections
- Identified platforms used by members via the Digital Content Platform Survey

Membership Committee

- Welcomed one member and one partner in 2013/14 and three members for 2014/15
- Presence (brochure) at Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities (ACCU) presidents
- Presence at Florida Chapter of ATLA in West Palm, FL (spring 2014)
- Presence at CLA Annual Conference, April 22-24, 2014 in Pittsburgh
- Set up Subcommittee on a Subject Guide to the Portal to develop a LibGuide to the Portal and distribute it to all liaisons, members and friends of CRRA
- Continued to identify and build relationships with prospective members
- Developed a category for partner participation in CRRA

Catholic Newspapers Task Force

- Identified and pursued collaborative projects to carry out shared priorities and goals: worked with Lyasis to identify scope of newspapers digitization project and a path for fundraising; formed the Digitization Partners group, 29 individuals from 22 libraries and archives (CRRA and non-CRRA members); Partners hold copy to be used in digitizing the 12 Priority papers; Partners assisted CRRA in identifying page counts for use in developing cost estimates for the Newspapers Digitization prospectus
- Convened a Directory working group; the group identified and recommended a platform for the Directory of Catholic Newspapers (ICON)
- Collaborated with CRL to make CRRA newspapers data available in the ICON database
- Convened a Repository working group; the group identified and recommended repository platform options for digitized newspapers (Veridian and Islandora)
- Convened groups to determine Digitization Specifications and Digitization Agreements
- Prepared and submitted a prospectus to digitize 12 priority papers
- In collaboration with Marquette University, conducted a pilot survey of member newspapers holdings
- Developed Catholic Newspapers Online (70+ titles)
- Explored the Reveal Digital model

Scholars Committee

- Provided guidance on the Catholic Newspapers Program including scope of the project and priorities for digitization and online content
- Reached out to ACHA to increase ACHA member awareness of CRRA resources - participated in presentations at ACHA Annual 2014 (Washington, DC); ACHA Spring meeting 2014 (Cincinnati)