CRRA Catholic Newspaper Program (CNP)  
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- Overview of CNP and progress report
- Catholic Newspapers Online
- Options under consideration by Directory group
- CRRA agenda for moving CNP forward
CNP Progress report: Digitization

Digitization: Revisit priorities, Encourage collaboration and member projects

- Scholars Committee identified priority papers as: New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New Orleans, Miami
- Drafted a Wiki of metadata and digitization guidelines (Rose Fortier, Marquette; Alex Papson, ND)
- Initiated Catholic Newspapers Online ~50 titles

Member digitization

- Pittsburgh Catholic, 1844-1900 (Duquesne)
- Boston Pilot (Boston College)
- Chicago Catholic New World (DePaul, USMLS, Chicago Archdiocese)
- Philadelphia Catholic newspapers, 1833-1923 including:
  - The Catholic Standard & Times and The Catholic Herald, 1866-1923 (Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center (PAHRC), Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Villanova University)
- Indiana diocesan newspapers (University of Notre Dame), Wisconsin diocesan papers (Marquette)
CNP Progress report: Directory and Repository

Directory (Conduct scan, Create prototype, Create directory)
- Identified and captured data for ~200 Canadian serials titles (St. Mike’s), ~700 US titles (ND)  *Summer 2012*
- ACDA Survey, ~55 titles (Shawn Weldon, PARC)  *Winter 2012-13*
- Directory platform group  *Winter, Spring 2012-2013*
- Catholic Newspapers Online ~50 titles
- Marquette member survey (Amy Cary, Rose Fortier, Marquette)  *Spring 2013*

Repository (Explore options and draft plan)
- Directory platform group  *Winter, Spring 2012-2013*
Newspaper Directory Group

**Charge:** To identify, explore, and recommend hardware/software solutions for the CRRA Newspaper Directory

**Members:**

- Rob Behary (Duquesne)
- Megan Bernal (DePaul)
- Noel McFerran (St. Michael’s, U of Toronto)
- Shana McDanold (Georgetown)
- Betsy McKelvey (Boston College)
- Manda Vrkljan (St. Michael’s, U of Toronto)

**Advisory:** Demian Katz, DAC Chair (Villanova)
Candidate solutions

• CONTENTdm
• CRL ICON (Center for Research Libraries International Coalition on Newspapers)
• Greenstone
• OCLC Hybrid solution
• Readex
• Veridian
• VuFind/VuDL
4 priorities

1. Capacity to create and/or use **clean data (MARC records)** based on **international/national standards**
   - Contribute International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) to ensure Catholic newspapers are identified and included in the global bibliographic database of serials, periodicals and newspapers

2. A **Hosted solution** which does not require additional CRRA technical expertise or capacity to develop or maintain

3. Ability to contribute to and collaborate with other international & national programs/collections (**bigger pond**)

4. **Open access** to both records and digital content
Finalists: CRL ICON and OCLC

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   ✓ OCLC
   ? ICON
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Offer possible solutions to:

– Funding approaches, models, support
– Directory
– Digitization
– Repository
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- Directory platform
- Digitization support
- Repository platform
- 1. MARC records
- 2. Hosted solution
- 3. Bigger pond
- 4. Open access
- Funding strategies/support

(eventual)
CRRA Agenda for Moving CNP Forward

- Identify potential partners for assistance in moving forward
- Directory Group: Adopt a platform and ideally, a repository
- Identify and implement a multi-pronged approach to adding member content to the directory
- Advance digitization collaborations, identify funding opportunities
- Release digitization and metadata guidelines

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