



Catholic Research Resources Alliance

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Feature Article

Spotlight on Resources

In support of our shared mission to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources, CRRA members and friends are continuously identifying unique and important resources relating to the Catholic experience. These resources facilitate teaching, learning and scholarship in many fields of study.

We have highlighted seven. We encourage you to add these links and resources to your website, library pathfinders, subject guides, or classroom projects. We are committed to open sharing so all resources are freely available. We hope you find these useful.

1. The Catholic Portal. <http://www.catholicresearch.net/>

The Catholic Portal provides access to and discovery of rare, unique, and uncommon Catholic scholarly resources via robust search and display tools. There are currently over 128,000 unique resources described, with [more than 28,000 taking you to the digital item](#). More digital resources are available on an ongoing basis, so check in often.

Please send us links to your portal materials you think are of special interest to users. We are always looking for topics and materials to feature in our newsletter and future promotional materials. Suggested links can be sent to [Pat Lawton](#).

2. The Catholic News Archive. <http://thecatholicnewsarchive.org/>

Implemented in summer 2016, the Catholic News Archive provides online access to a full text, aggregated, digital collection Catholic newspapers. This is the only collection like it in existence. Because of member efforts, the Archive will have nearly 32,000 pages from local and national papers from the Vatican II years by the end of October, with more to come. The Archive presents robust search and browse capabilities, and you can download the PDF images of pages or text. Let us know what you think and what papers you would like to see included in the Archive. If you have stories of how the Archive connected a user with the information needed, we would love to hear from you. The Archive and Catholic Newspapers Online are developed by the CRRA with the help of members and partners supporting our goal to *provide access to all extant Catholic newspapers in North America*.

The screenshot shows the website of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance. The header is red with the organization's name and logo. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, Search, Titles, Dates, Help. The main content area displays an article titled "Religion at Root" and "JFK on World Crisis" from "The Monitor, Volume CVI, Number 43, 7 January 1965". The article text is visible, discussing the role of religion in the world and the challenges of the time. The article is attributed to "JFK on World Crisis" and "The Monitor".

From the Catholic News Archive: Article on JFK on World Crisis, San Francisco, *Monitor*, 7 January, 1965

3. Catholic Newspapers Online. <http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/catholic-newspapers/catholic-newspapers-online/>.

CRRA members and friends have identified over 200 Catholic newspapers online. You can search the list and sort alphabetically by title, city, state/province/country,

institution, or chronologically by date. Please help us to populate this list by sending us information about digitized or born-digital Catholic newspapers.

4. CRRA Subject Guides.

<http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/catholic-portal/subject-guides/>

In Spring 2016, the Subject Guides Subcommittee (Ted Bergfelt (Duquesne University), chair) began creating more CRRA Subject Guides. Current topics among the sixteen Guides include [African-American Catholics](#), [Art and Religion](#), [Catholic Education](#), [Catholic Literary Figures](#), and [Catholic Missions in North America](#). More to come! Each describes the topic, provides terms and subject headings to find materials in the Portal, and shows links to digital and archival collections at CRRA member institutions. All Guides can be copied and edited for local use. Please let [Ted](#) know of others you are interested in or would like to contribute.

5. Catholic Resources in Digital Form

<http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/links-and-resources/catholic-resources-digital-form/>

Lists a variety of freely available resources for scholarly and educational use such as [The Catholic Periodical Index](#) and the [American Catholic History Classroom](#). Please have a look and let us know what is particularly helpful or engaging. What others would you recommend adding?

6. CRRA Rotating Exhibit. <http://www.catholicresearch.net/>

CRRA regularly features a “rotating exhibit” on the home page. The current exhibit is on the *Year of Mercy* and includes images from collections at the Catholic University of America, St. Catherine University, and the University of Dayton. Stay tuned as this exhibit changes regularly. Another exhibit – Treasures of the CRRA: Women Religious is online at <http://blogs.shu.edu/crra/>. Coordinated by Marta Deyrup and Tracy Jackson, Seton Hall University, the exhibit features images from over a dozen collections. Previous exhibits can be viewed in the [Exhibits Archive](#).

7. CRRA Liaisons Bulletin.

<http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/whats-new/liaisons-bulletin/>

In November, 2015, Liaisons Council Chair, Ximena Valdivia of Barry University launched the monthly CRRA Liaisons Bulletin. The Bulletin gathers information of interest to libraries and librarians everywhere, including: news about emergent information resources, listings of grant opportunities, meetings and conferences and more.

We need your feedback to determine what is useful and what is needed. Please let [us](#) know if one or more of these resources has helped in your scholarly or educational efforts. As always, too, we welcome your suggestions for resources to add!

From the Board: A Word on CRRA Leadership and Accomplishments

Steve Connaghan, chair, The Catholic University of America

Welcome to the new academic year. Over the summer, the Board elected its officers for the year. I will serve a second year as chair. In addition, Diane Parr Walker, University of Notre Dame, will again serve as past chair and Tyrone Cannon, University of San Francisco, as treasurer. We are joined by Theresa Byrd, University of San Diego, vice-chair/chair-elect and Kathleen Webb, University of Dayton, secretary. The [Board of Directors](#) will hold its first meeting in mid-October with one item of business being to review and adopt the [Three Year Strategic Plan](#). We are pleased to be working again with an outstanding group of [committee chairs](#), all of whom are already working with their committees to carry out this year's goals, and our CRRA colleagues Jennifer Younger, Executive Director; Pat Lawton, Program and Digital Initiatives Director, Josh Dinsman, Website Manager and Digital Projects Assistant, and Todd Jensen, Digitization Project Manager. Thanks to all for stepping forward to help us carry out our mission.

As the feature article highlights, we have collectively created important tools and resources for scholars and students. These resources are like money – it is printed for use – and I hope you will make good use of these sources.

Committee Briefs

CRRA Collections Committee

Stephanie Soule, Chair CRRA Collections Committee, University of Dayton

[The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Exhibit](#). The images in this exhibit come from collections at the Catholic University of America, St. Catherine University, and the University of Dayton, and each is a visual depiction of ways we might better serve those in need through both the Corporal and the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

CRRA Membership Committee

Kathleen Webb, Chair CRRA Membership Committee, University of Dayton



Welcome new member - King's University College and St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ontario

Adrienne Co-Dyre, Chief Librarian, King's University College and St. Peter's Seminary Library

Frances Theilade, Associate Librarian, St. Peter's Seminary Library

King's is a Catholic University College affiliated with Western University-Canada and committed to the ongoing creation of a vital academic community animated by a Christian love of learning and the pursuit of truth. St. Peter's Seminary, affiliated with King's University College, serves the Church in Canada and beyond as the Roman Catholic Seminary of the Diocese of London, providing an integrated program those preparing for priestly ministry, the permanent diaconate or lay ministry. King's and St. Peter's Seminary are located on the campus of Western University-Canada.

Collections: King's G. Emmett Cardinal Carter Library

<http://www.kings.uwo.ca/library/about-us/archival-collections/>

Highlights include the Brescia Dante, an incunabular copy of Dante Alighieri's immortal *Divina Commedia* (Divine Comedy) published in Italy in 1487, the G. Emmett Cardinal Carter Collection of archival materials and artifacts celebrating the religious life of Cardinal Carter (1912-2003), and the William Bush Collection of Bernanosiana and Literature of the French Catholic Revival. Professor Bush, noted expert on the works of French Catholic novelist Georges Bernanos (1888-1948), donated his personal library of some 400 volumes of source material about the French Catholic literature revival. The collection is supplemented 16 volumes of primary source material amassed by Brazilian scholar Hubert Sarrazin for the study of Bernanos' works.

Seminary's: A.P. Mahoney Library

<http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/Resources/Seminary-Archives/38>

The Archival Collection contains historical, legal, fiscal and administrative records of the Seminary, Seminary organizations such as faculty, student and alumni groups, organizations affiliated with the Seminary, seminary publications and artifacts, and religious items including the Rev. Thomas Peter Hussey World War I Diary. Collectively, these materials provide a comprehensive and significant research collection. The work

of classifying and describing the holdings is in progress. Once records have been processed, they may become available for research purposes.

Newspapers Project



CRRA is pleased to welcome CRRA's Digitization Project Manager, Todd R. Jensen. We are delighted to welcome Todd who brings rich experience and expertise to our Newspapers Program, including work with notable projects such as Ancestry.com and Family Search. For matters related to our digitization project, Todd will be the primary contact for sourcing material and shepherding content through the digitization process, while providing advice and guidance on all aspects of the project. He recently provided vital assistance in preparing cost figures for the recently submitted CLIR Digitizing Hidden Collections proposal and is liaising with DL Consulting to enhance the look and functionality of the Catholic News Archive. Join us in extending a warm welcome to Todd!

Todd has enjoyed working extensively with libraries and archives around the world throughout his career. Before starting his own business, he worked for many years at Ancestry.com and was responsible for all global digitization and content publication efforts. Prior to that, Todd managed projects and initiatives like the FamilySearch Indexing program and regional microfilm and digital capture operations in archives and libraries throughout the U.S.

Todd lives in the Salt Lake City area with his wife Kimberly, who was an elementary school librarian for 14 years. Their favorite activities are spending time with each other and visiting their three grown children and raising a German Shepherd puppy named Valkyrie (yes, Todd has Viking/Scandinavian heritage). Both Kimberly and Todd love the NFL and are big Pittsburgh Steeler fans.

CRRA Submits Proposal to Digitize from the Vatican II Years

CRRA submitted a proposal to CLIR's *Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Enabling New Scholarship through Increasing Access to Unique Materials Program*. We made it through the pre-proposal process and were asked to submit a final proposal.

Special thanks to the Newspapers Committee and Digitizing Partners who have provided support, source material, permission, all which made this possible.

Now we wait for CLIR's decision by Dec. 31, 2016.

Project summary:

American and Catholic History at a Crossroads: Digitizing Catholic Newspapers from the Vatican II Era (1958-1972)

The CRRA proposes a fourteen-month project to digitize overlooked yet significant Catholic newspapers from the Vatican II years, 1958-1972 and make them publicly available in the Catholic News Archive. Diocesan newspapers include Baltimore, Hartford, Miami, New Orleans, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco; national papers include the Catholic News Service newsfeeds, the National Catholic Reporter, and the Catholic Worker. Scholars note the importance of primary Catholic sources as the Church and the laity have shaped national and international policies, legislation and activities on major issues including civil rights, sexuality, education, nuclear disarmament, the Vietnam War and subsequent anti-war movement, other world conflicts such as the Arab-Israeli Wars, and immigration. The significance of this project to scholars of American social, economic, and religious history is the ability to access, fully exploit, and compare national/local, liberal/conservative Catholic news coverage during this tumultuous period of American history.

Visit **The Catholic News Archive** at thecatholicnewsarchive.org

See The Catholic News Archive demonstration platform, available now!

Member News

ACRL Insider's [Member of the Week](#) features [Mark E. Shelton](#), Director of Library Services at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Congratulations, Mark!

Tech Corner

Please welcome [Tom Dousa](#) as the new editor of the Oliver Leonard Kapsner, O.S.B. Cataloging Bulletin. Tom is Monographic Cataloger, The University of Chicago Library. The following is an excerpt from his premier issue. The Cataloging Bulletin is accessible from the Resources tab of the Catholic Library Association webpage <http://cathla.org/>.

On June 16, 2016, Pope Francis issued decrees acknowledging the heroic virtues of seven men and women. Among those was the Venerable Antonín Cyril Stojan, the 10th archbishop of the Diocese of Olomouc (1921-1923) in what is today the Czech Republic. Born on May 22, 1851 and ordained on July 5, 1876, Fr. Stojan served as a parish priest and provost for many years

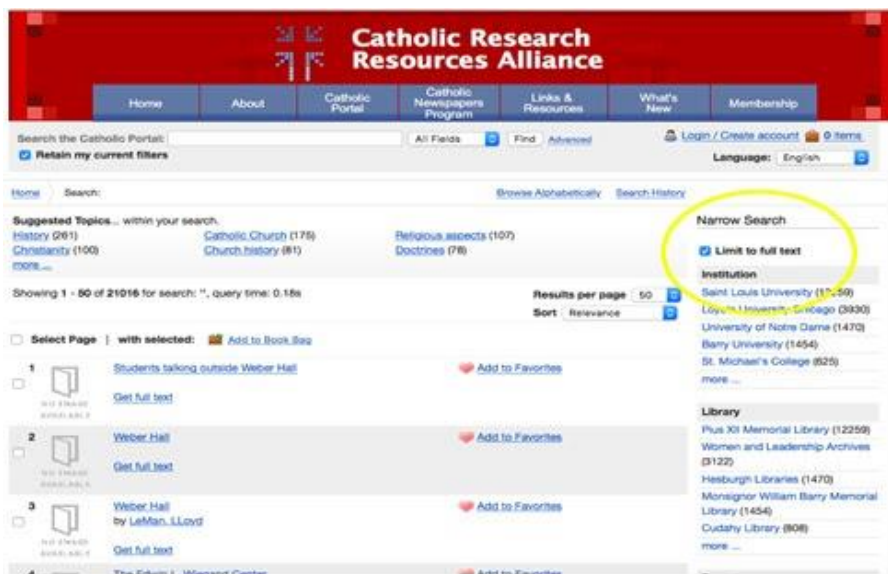
before being named Archbishop of Olomouc and Metropolitan of Moravia. He was known for his energy in organizing, and generosity in supporting, social and charitable associations in his archdiocese, as well as for his work in renewing important pilgrimage sites in the Moravia and for the general sanctity of his life. Bishop Stojan died in Olomouc on September 9, 1923. The correct access point for works by and about Archbishop Stojan is:

Stojan, Antonín, †d 1851-1923

News from CRRA

CRRA is pleased to announce that you can now limit your search to just full text content on the portal! Deep thanks to our Digital Access Committee and in particular Eric Morgan and Demian Katz for making this possible.

Here's how. Simply 1) enter your search terms (or leave the portal search box blank to Find all results) 2) when your results are retrieved, check the "Limit to full text" box on the right side bar under "Narrow your search." (Circled in yellow, below)



Save the Date!

DLF Forum, Milwaukee November 2016

With Frederick Zarndt of Digital Divide Data, Pat Lawton will be discussing CRRA's Catholic Newspapers Program "Catholic, Collaborative, and Crowdfunded" November 8, 2016.