Catholic Research Resources Alliance

CRRA
Digitizing Partners – Meeting Notes
Jan. 13, 2014

Present: Rob Behary, Megan Bernal, Amy Cooper Cary, Kate Feighery, Fred Jenkins, Demian Katz, Cait Kokolus, Pat Lawton, Karen Lesiak, Lee Leumas, Jessica Lu, Maria Paxi, Darren Poley, Betsy Post, Michelle Woods, Jennifer Younger

Agenda
1. Progress report and announcements
    Reminder of the Philadelphia meeting to bring together the various newspaper groups to meet and discuss the CRRA Catholic Newspapers Program including implementing the directory (CRL's ICON), digitizing priority Catholic papers, and implementing a repository. Our discussion will focus on next steps and how to achieve them.   All digitizing partners are invited to attend:

    > Monday, January 27, 2014
    > 2:00-4:00 pm Eastern
    > Saint Joseph's University, Francis A. Drexel Library
    > 5600 City Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19131

2. Page counts
Discussed the method of estimating frame counts by looking at the first and last issues on the reel, spotchecking in between, and determining an average/estimate.   Jessica asked if there were other suggested methods for counting frames of film given that pagination was irregular for the early years of their paper. Had anyone had ever used weight to determine frames per reel or other possibilities? Pat will check with Lyrasis for further guidance.

Hartford reported that their film copy is not great, so they checked with ProQuest who has the film and provided an estimate to create a silver halide master for the full run at a cost of $26,000 or $294 per reel. Hartford also has the full run in bound print. The key question here is – which is the most desirable route and at what cost? Pay for the film master and digitize from that or use the print for digitizing? Pat will arrange a phone chat with Laurie Arp (Lyrasis) and Karen, Maria, and Roberta to assess the best course of action.

3. Repository group
The Repository Group, chaired by Betsy Post has held their first meeting. The group's charge is to identify and recommend strategies, options, and cost estimates for repository options for Catholic newspapers in digital form.

Specifically:
    • Identify the purposes and priorities for a CRRA newspapers repository solution

- Evaluate 3-4 options such as Veridian, Islandora, NDNP
- Develop repository options with cost estimates for implementation and hosting to include in the concept proposal (to Board Feb. 2014)

The group recommends that CRRA invest in the best imaging possible.

4. Timeline
   Page counts and cost estimates will be incorporated into the Feb. 7 Board proposal.

5. Funding agencies
   CRRA had identified a number of potential funding targets, both at the national and state levels. As we winnow our list, we will share with you potential targets. If you have recommendations for funding sources, please share them with Pat or Jennifer.