

## CRRA Digitizing Partners Conference Call 3/31/14

### Page counts progress

- Over 1.4 million pages counted among the institutions
- Will cost over \$2 million to digitize them all

### Overall progress report

- Digitization agreement and terms of use have been and are being worked on in March and April
- Digitization specs are being worked up to be shared during the members meeting in May at Marquette
- Identification of other digital copies of newspapers
  - 12 papers have been identified with 44 differing variations in title
  - Looked for ones that were freely available or had subscription database holdings
  - Identifying already digitized copies, both freely available and subscription based, adding to Catholic Newspapers Online  
<http://www.catholicresearch.net/cms/index.php/catholic-newspapers-program/catholic-newspapers-online/>
- Sustainability plan is on the agenda for April
  - Options are being discussed and will be presented to the Newspapers Task Force
- CRRA working on sending holdings information to ICON

### Discussion of background materials

- Reviewed crib sheet for the project proposal
  - Breaks down the ideas, cost, challenges, and importance of the project
- Digitizing partners activities document
  - Discussion included request to include members of their content when digitized through a vendor
  - Noted that the document didn't include any discussion of dealing with IP rights and clearing copyright
  - Who is responsible for which portions of the process will be included in the CRRA digitization agreements
  - Discussed images beyond copyright to dual ownership of materials and how we might be expected to handle that set of complications
  - Talked about creating a customizable template for individual agreements with copyright owners
  - Considered copyright status of photographs
    - Whether the images should be redacted from the page views, but included for browsing an entire issue
- Digitizing specs discussion and recommendations
  - Should they be high enough resolution for decent photo reproduction, or optimized for OCR?
  - Who is our target audience
    - OCR is the primary concern

- Images should be discernable, but users would have to track down and contact the copyright owner for a high quality copy
- Digitized papers should be displayed at a lower resolution with the masters available and maintained by the owning institution