



# Catholic Research Resources Alliance

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CRRRA Digitizing Partners

**Wed., Oct. 30 at 2:00pm EST (1:00 CST)**

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## Agenda

### 1. Welcome, introductions, group interests and initiatives

1. Pat Lawton, CRRRA Digital Projects Librarian. Pilot project with *Boston Pilot* as the “pilot pilot.” In partnership with Lyrasis.
2. Betsy McKelvey, BC. Want to digitize the Boston Pilot. Interested in newspapers. BC has repository for newspapers with Veridian at bc.newspapers.edu
3. Katherine Nuss, Catholic News Service Librarian at USCCB. CNS is part of source material for diocesan newspapers. Have back files on microfilm at CUA and Marquette. Want to digitize back files.
4. Jennifer Younger, Executive Director, CRRRA. Nice to see the implementation underway – directory and digitizing
5. Shana McDanold, Georgetown. On directory group. Setting up digitization services. Looking for where to participate. May have some newspapers to be digitized. Not sure of condition, extent, etc. Just getting started.
6. Maria Paxi, Archivist, Diocese of Hartford, Connecticut. Interested in digitizing diocesan newspaper and its predecessor. Have bound and microfilm copies, in all a complete run.
7. Karen Lesiak. Partnering with archdiocese. Need copyright and permission from bishop to digitize.
8. Rose Fortier, Coordinator of Digital Programs, Marquette University. Ready to start digitizing Marquette University student newspaper, the Tribune. Have other things as well.
9. Fr. Elias Yelovich Bibliographer and Theology Librarian, Mount St. Mary, Emmitsburg, MD. Have not started digitizing newspapers yet. Keeping track. Use CONTENTdm database. Interested in collaboration and information exchange.
10. Shawn Weldon, Archivist, PAHRC. PAHRC has very large newspaper collection and willing to make it available for digitizing. Can go to PAHRC website to see what titles it has; also in Catholic portal. Willing to unbind for digitizing, good to make accessible that way. Shawn and Maria, Hartford, discussed mutual interest in Connecticut Catholic newspapers.
11. Cait Kokolus, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Asked question on permission needed. Betsy responded, yes, an issue, have to get. Katherine Nuss also mentioned restrictions, e.g., on use of Reuters photos, attempting to set some guidelines to make it easier for clients to use. Has good film copy of Catholic Standard & Times (?) Shawn and Cait discussed pros/cons of using the microfilm or hard copy of Philly newspaper. Some already digitized as part of publication

process. Editor offered to St. Charles for its website but Villanova needs copyright clearance? Demian noted Villanova's goal to make openly accessible.

12. Demian Katz, Villanova and chair, CRRRA Digital Access Committee. Works on VuFind and special collections.
13. Rebecca Altermatt, Director, St. Louis Archdiocese Archives. (JAY welcome to new member) Have St. Louis diocesan newspaper on print and film, complete run. Glad to be part of discussion on news service. Also wants to work with St. Louis University.
14. Lorraine Olley, Library Director, USML. *Catholic New World* was part of US Newspapers Preservation Program and is on microfilm. Beginning in 2010, available digitally from Chicago Archives. Also has 2 foreign language editions which have unique content as well as some translated copy. Polish and Spanish. Interested in preserving newspaper content. Also ATLA RC librarians are interested in digitizing the *L'Osservatore romano* English language edition distributed by Our Sunday Visitor. USML has complete run? Another person mentioned having complete run. Lorraine mentioned available digitally on CD-ROM. Are there copyright issues with the Vatican newspaper? Could OSVI help?
15. Michele Woods, Head of Digital Archives and Special Collection, Xavier University. Don't have any digital collections yet but interested in collaborating. Have some Catholic newspapers, such as Abbey Voice complete run; also collections from Dominicans, Josephites as well. Interested in collaboration around digitizing, especially in getting complete runs for digitizing.

## 2. CRRRA initiatives

Beginning the implementation of the directory and digitizing projects. Talking with Lyris for developing a digitizing partnership and collaborative grant projects.

- Start with pilot project re Boston Pilot. Develop costs, specifications, workflow, framework. BC does not have full run so need collaboration with other institutions to get complete run. PAHRC, others will have. Lyris will assist in walking us through the costs, specs, workflows. Will need grant funds to do.
- The bigger project – about a dozen diocesan papers from larger cities, such as Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis, San Francisco; CNS; national papers and Vatican English language edition. Will need grant funds to do.
- Welcome ideas on possible funders from this group.
- <http://www.Lyris.org> and Lyris Digital Services

## 4. Next steps.

- Pat. What would be helpful to you?
- Katherine Nuss. Could we hold on putting *L'Osservatore romano* English language until other sources, such as CNS, are digitized? Would prefer to focus on other North American newspapers first. Lorraine agrees with this strategy.
- Lorraine. Address if comfortable with scanning from microfilm? Would be less expensive. Collation already done in microfilm, that is an advantage.
- Betsy. Looking at *Boston Pilot*. Missing issues, missing pages, pages out of order on microfilm. Decision may depend on state of microfilm. Original hard copy was in bad shape.
- Karen. Hartford. Access to digitized copies once done. What about indexing? Where will the paper be housed?

- Pat. Open access is goal of CRRA. CRRA doesn't have a repository. Ideal is central repository for cross newspaper searching, etc. Obtain funds from grant for Catholic newspapers? House at a member digital repository? Stick with distributed system of repositories? BC has repository, that is one factor in choosing *Boston Pilot* for pilot project.
- Pat. Also a cost recovery model from Reveal Digital. Digitize source materials from group of libraries. They will cost out the project, develop workflows and digitize. Project is paid for with Library sponsorships and subscriptions from broader group of libraries.
- Question on digitization.
- Shana. Various kinds of metadata for discovery, administration, preservation, etc. Other groups have, we can use to our advantage.
- Pat. Rose, CRRA have wiki of best practices on CRRA website. Will want to add goals for this project so can use best practices in appropriate context.

Pat: Attached is a draft list of contact information and prospective papers. This is a draft document and I look forward to your suggested changes and enhancements.

Please note, too, we have an official listserv address. Feel free to use this address to send messages to the group: [CRRA-DIGITIZINGPARTNERS@LISTSERV.ND.EDU](mailto:CRRA-DIGITIZINGPARTNERS@LISTSERV.ND.EDU).