



DIGITIZING MATERIALS IN GLOBAL CATHOLIC PEACEBUILDING

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Goals & Implications

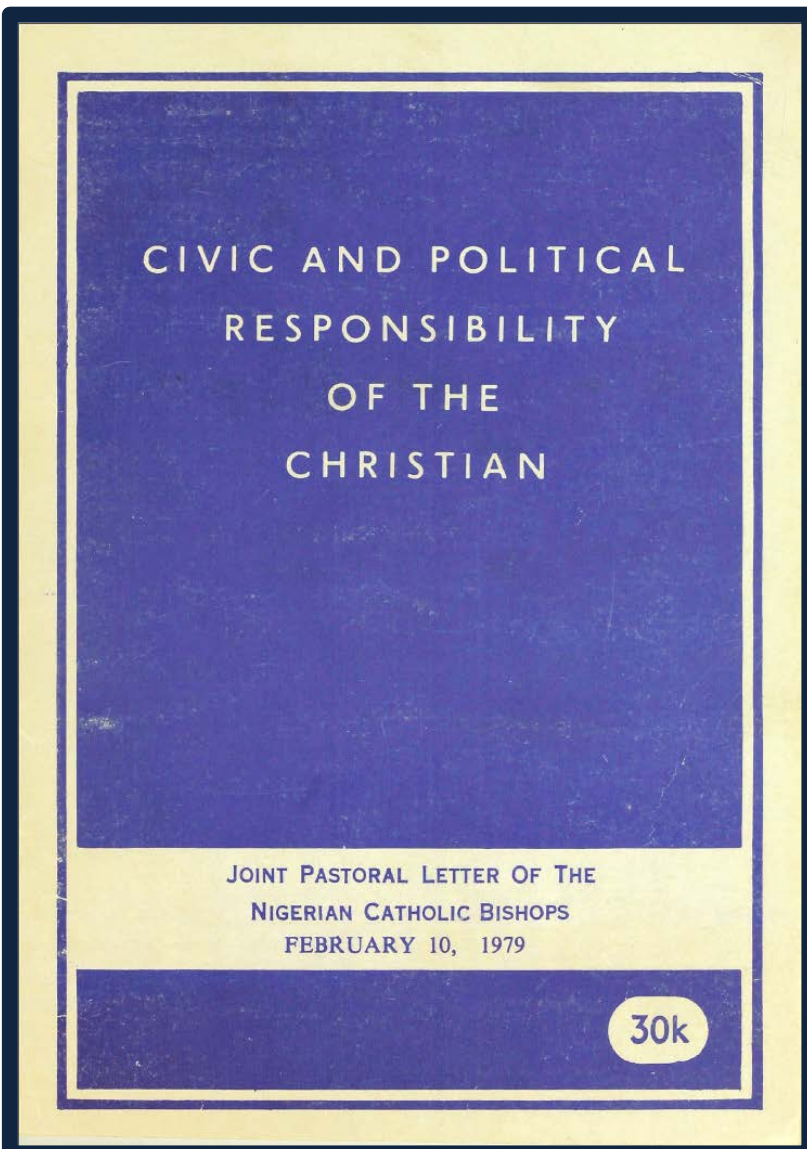
Many texts by Catholic bishops worldwide are very difficult to find. This project makes such documents discoverable through a single site, the Catholic Portal, so as to enhance scholarship on the theory and practice of Catholic peacebuilding and the more general study of religion in our global context.

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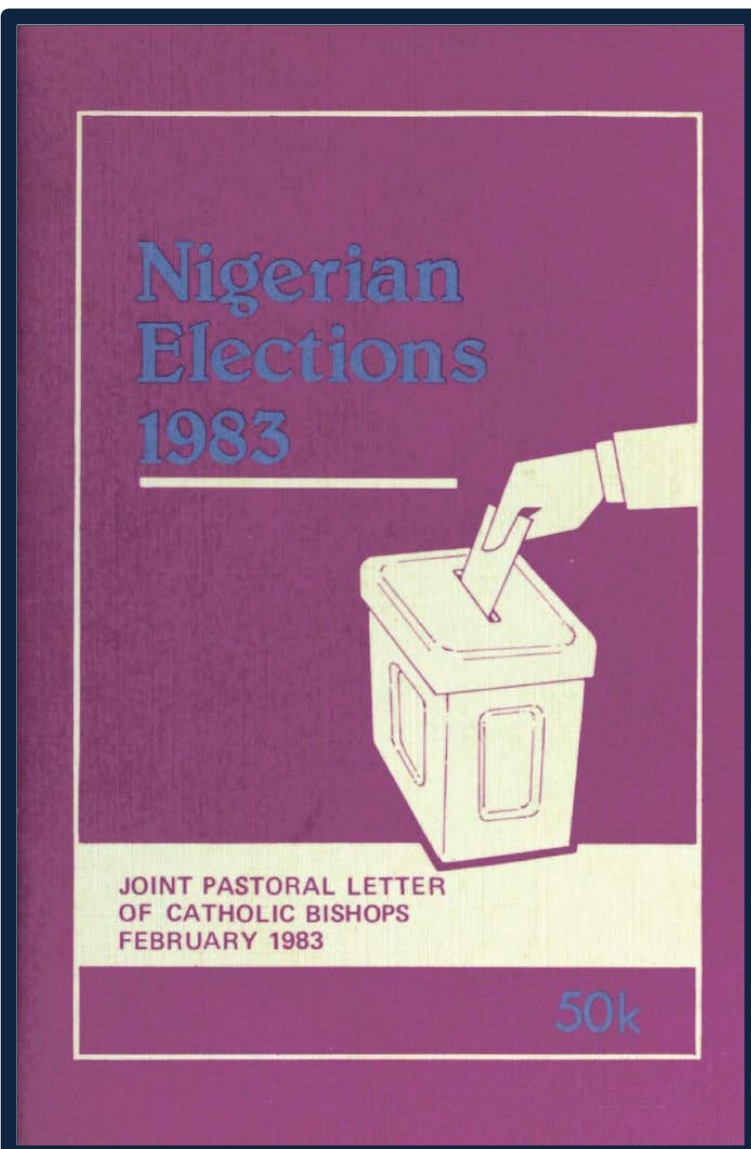
- Pastoral letters
- Public statements
- Communiques
- Manuals & reports
- Event Proceedings
- Correspondence

Examples

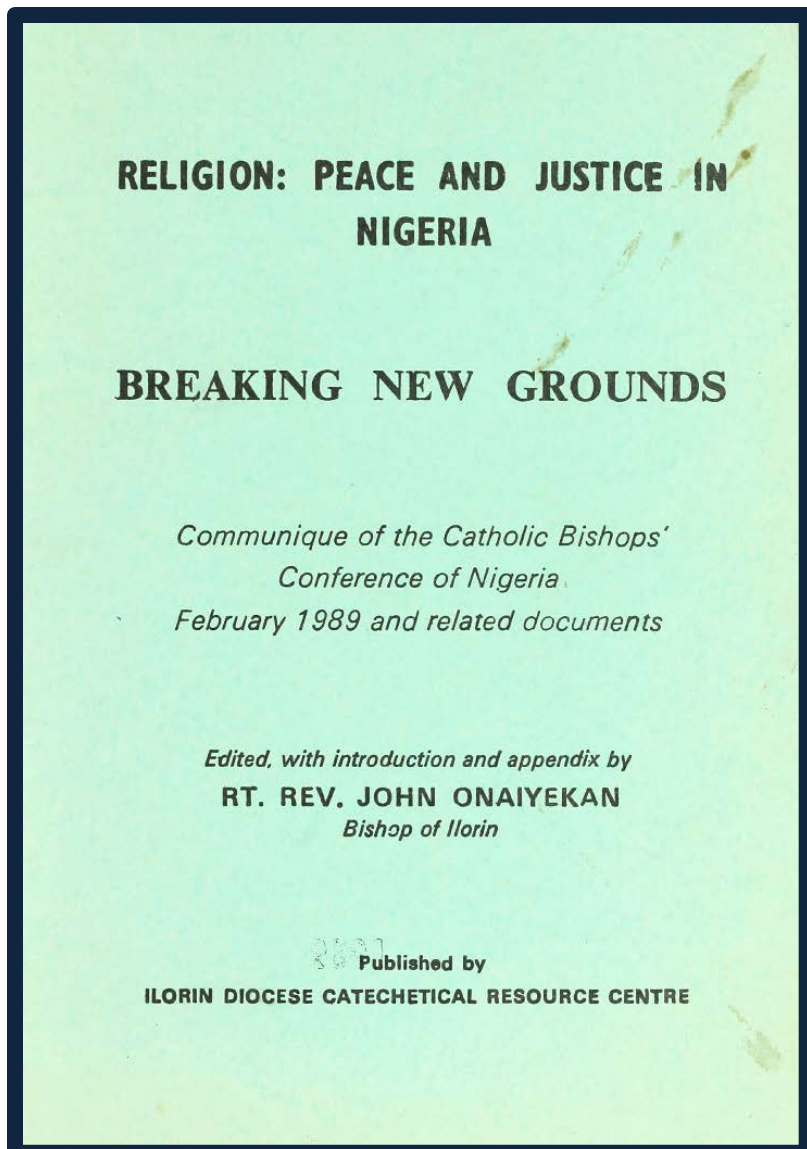
Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Nigeria, “Civic and Political Responsibility of the Christian,” Pastoral Letter, 1979 (image 1).
Various Bishops, “Nigerian Elections 1983,” Pastoral Letter, 1983 (img 2).
Bishop John Onaiyekan, “Religion: Peace and Justice in Nigeria: Breaking New Grounds,” Communique & Other Texts, Ilorin Diocese, 1989 (img 3).
CENCO (D.R. Congo), *Manuel de Reference d’Education Civique et Electorale*, Kinshasa/Gombe, 2005 (img 4).
New: Conférence des Evêques Catholiques du Burundi, « Communiqué No 2: C'est dans le dialogue et la concertation qu'on aboutit à des solutions durables, » 12 May 2015 (not pictured).
New: Bishop emer. Paride Taban Kenyi, Speech to Greater Equatoria [South Sudan] Joint Members in Nairobi; 16-17 May 2015 (not pictured).



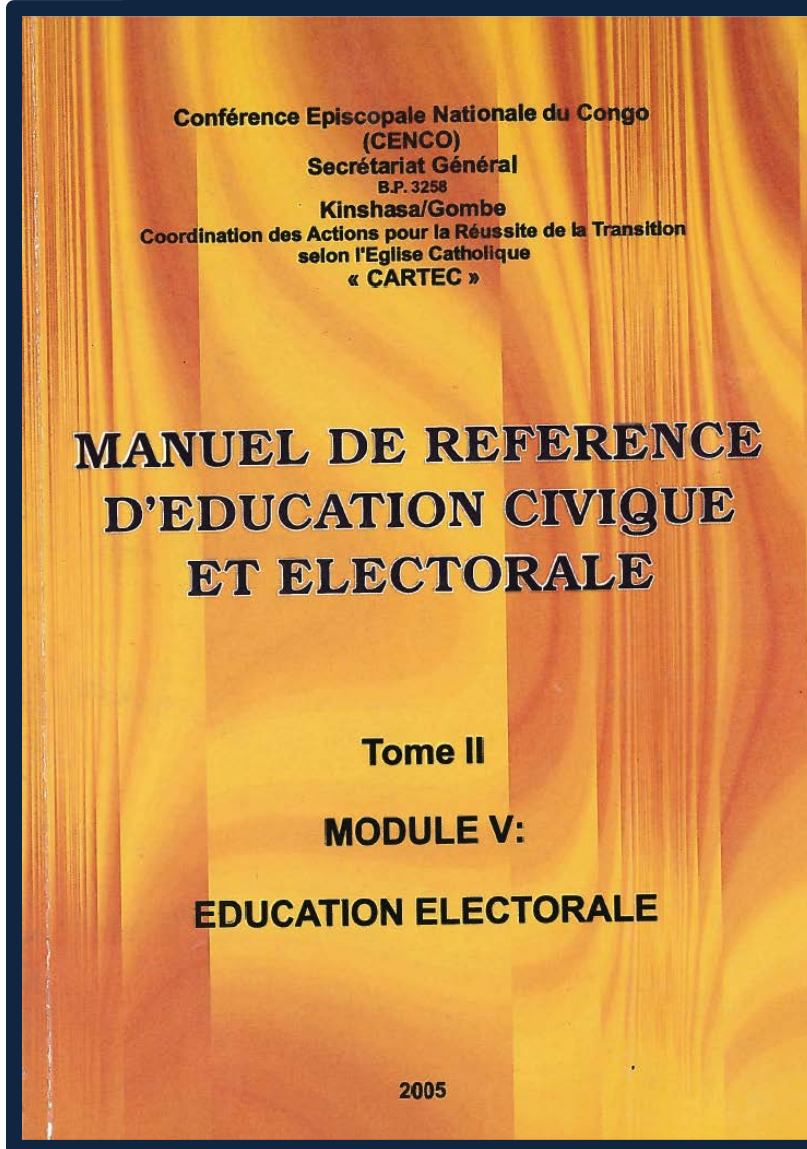
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CPN's Third International Conference on Catholic Peacebuilding, Burundi, 2006

Summary

This project makes hundreds of hard-to-find, primary-source texts related to peacebuilding freely and publicly available through the Catholic Portal.

The project will include texts from Catholic groups of all kinds. The current phase focuses on bishops' conferences, especially those with whom the CPN works actively:

- Dem. Rep. of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, ACEAC
- South Sudan, Uganda, AMECEA
- Colombia, the Philippines, Nigeria
- Regional Federations: Asia, Latin America, Africa

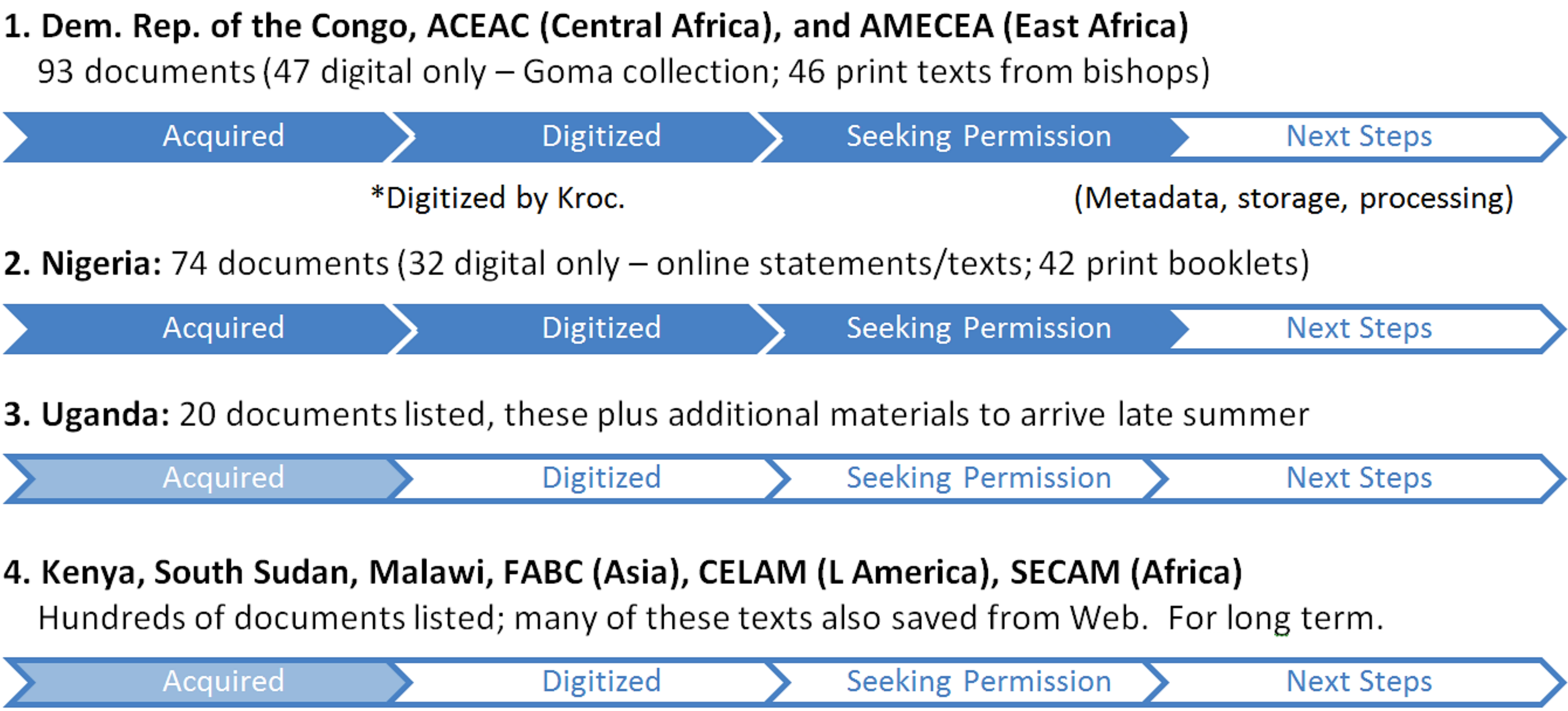
These collections fall under peacebuilding, one of the Catholic Portal's collecting themes. They are of interest for the application of Catholic Social Teaching, the role of the church in the world, the increasingly global constitution of Christianity, global politics, and more.

Work Process

Though the work process is being adjusted to incorporate additional collaborating institutions, the basic process is well tried and established. It can serve as a model for similar projects.

1. **Bibliography** created and initial **permission** sought to create and use digital versions.
2. **Digitization** of texts, which are found online or in print, to standard quality, including OCR.
3. **Metadata** collected for each text according to CurateND and Library specifications.
4. **CurateND**, Notre Dame's digital repository, houses the files including some metadata.
5. **Library records** created from the metadata spreadsheet and marked for CRRA.
6. **Texts Accessible on the Catholic Portal** when records are harvested, catholicresearch.net.
7. Additional point of access: a Catholic Portal search bar on the CPN's website, cpn.nd.edu.

Progress on Collections



{Collaborators} Present and Future

This project entails much collaboration, and more collaborators are sought. Some include:

- The Catholic Peacebuilding Network (CPN) – cpn.nd.edu
- The Hesburgh Libraries’ Center for Digital Scholarship (CDS) and Subject Librarians
- The Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA) – catholicresearch.net

Further collaboration/coordination could relate to additional materials on any topic from global Catholic bishops’ conferences as well as texts from lay groups and additional regions.