



August 25, 2011

Dear CRRA Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you, members of your staff, students and faculty at your institution to a symposium to be held November 9-10, 2011 at Duquesne University. Invited Catholic scholars and librarians will discuss the “state of the art” of Catholic scholarship, directions that scholarship is headed, and how libraries, archives, and member organizations support and nurture future Catholic scholars and scholarship.

We are honored to have Leslie Tentler, *Professor of History at Catholic University*, Paula M. Kane, *John and Lucine O'Brien Marous Associate Professor of Contemporary Catholic Studies*, University of Pittsburgh, Joseph P. Lucia, *University Librarian and Director*, Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova University, Dr. Kevin Mongrain, *Ryan Chair for Newman Studies*, Duquesne University and *Executive Director*, National Institute for Newman Studies and Dr. Michael Galligan-Stierle, *President and CEO*, ACCU speaking to the symposium theme, “Advancing Catholic Scholarship.”

Other events will include a *Digital Projects Showcase*, highlighting innovative technologies, best practices, future trends, and related scholarship related to our theme. CRRA members are especially encouraged to participate in the showcase by submitting **poster proposals** by **September 26**: <[http://www.catholicresearch.net/info/events/Call for Posters.pdf](http://www.catholicresearch.net/info/events/Call_for_Posters.pdf)>.

A full roster of events and registration information is available at [http://bit.ly/Duquesne\\_Symposium](http://bit.ly/Duquesne_Symposium). The **registration deadline is October 15, 2011**.

We hope that you will join us in what promises to be a stimulating and productive conversation about Catholic scholarly research and the ways in which librarians and archivists support this research.

On behalf of Duquesne University and the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA),

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