



Letter from the President



Kathy Hertel-Baker

Dear ACWR members,

Greetings from Nazareth and Happy Spring! The ACWR Board has been busy since our last newsletter, working on updating our Bylaws and beginning work on the program for the 2018 Triennial Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Sister Caritas Strodthoff hosted the ACWR Board meeting in March at the beautiful Holy Family Convent, home of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. During this very positive and collaborative meeting the Board discussed changes to the bylaws regarding travel and annual meetings. We also invited Emily Reed, incoming Vice President-Elect, to join us and bring us up to speed on her work with the Technology Committee. If you visit the ACWR website you will notice many positive changes and updates. Perhaps the biggest decision made involved the annual Business Meeting. In order to reduce costs and make the information shared at the meeting more accessible, it was decided to discontinue having an in-person meeting at SAA each year. Instead, the Board will produce an annual report which will be available on our website. We will also webcast live from our Fall Board meeting to discuss the report and answer your questions. More information will be available on the ACWR website. Planning for the 2018 Triennial is moving forward. Please be sure to fill out the survey sent to you a few weeks ago – your input will help us shape next year's program! I also encourage you to send in your information for the updated Women Religious Resources Directory project. This will be an invaluable source of information for archivists and researchers in the future. The Board is very excited about the progress we are making in positioning ACWR for the future and look forward to working with you as we continue to grow and evolve.

Peace and Joy,

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Here is a glimpse of the ACWR Board from the recent March meeting. They are: (From Left to Right) Sarah Cantor, past-president, Caritas Strodthoff, OSF, secretary, Kathy Hertel-Baker, president, Emily Reed, vice-president/president-elect, Jennifer Head, at-large board member, Veronica Buchanan, executive secretary, and Ladonna Kassmeyer, FSPA, treasurer.

A Visit to the Sisters of St. Joseph Archives in Lyon, France

While vacationing on a tour in France this past September, I was able to take advantage of my time when we were in Lyon by visiting to the Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph. I was so excited to tour not only a foreign archives but an archives which has meaning to my job!

Many of you may wonder why the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon are important to me. Like many congregations of women religious in the United States, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden trace back their family tree to Europe. For the Baden congregation, the European origins lie in Lyon, France. In 1836, Mother St. John Fontbonne sent six sisters from Lyon to St. Louis, Missouri. From this original foundation in Missouri, the Sisters of St. Joseph spread across the United States and in 1869, the sisters from the congregation in Brooklyn (in Brentwood today) established a new congregation in Ebensburg, PA (the Ebensburg congregation moved to Baden, PA in 1901).

So, knowing this heritage of the Baden Congregation, my being able to visit not only Lyon but also to the Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph there really made my trip that much better. At the archives, I was warmly welcomed by the archivist, Elisabeth Favier, and her assistant, Sister Ignatius. Naturally, we talked shop, discussing the archives, projects, reference requests, and volunteers. What I thought was interesting was how different the boxes and folders were from the ones to which I am accustomed, especially the document folders, which had four sides that folded in. In recent times, the Lyon Archives absorbed the Archives from the Bourg and Bordeaux branches and were housed in a separate room.

Another feature of the facility is a museum dedicated to Mother St. John Fontbonne, who not only played a role in the founding of the sisters in America but more importantly, she refounded the congregation after the French Revolution, during which the Sisters of St. Joseph had been dispersed, suppressed, and imprisoned. I was able to stand next to the statue that they have of her, look at her signature, and see her profession cross. There was also a display cabinet with items donated from congregations of Sisters of St. Joseph throughout the world. Tying everything together was the visit to the chapel. From what I understood, the chapel is no longer used for Mass but is leased out for concerts and other events. At the back of the chapel, there is a mural showing the family tree of the Sisters of St. Joseph, with Baden on a branch up towards the top of the tree.

After leaving the Archives, I made my way over to the Cemetery of Loyasse, where Mother St. John Fontbonne's grave is located. I wandered through a beautiful cemetery, full of artistic crypts, mausoleums, and tombstones. Sister Ignatius had provided me with the row and section for Mother St. John, which was fortunate as the place was large! Her tombstone was of newer origins and I wonder what the story is behind that. That might be something to find out whenever I am able to return to Lyon. And perhaps one day, I will make it to Le Puy, France, which is the birthplace of the Sisters of St. Joseph (1650). À la prochaine fois (Till next time)!

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Photos From Top to Bottom:

- Kathleen Washy with a statue of Mother St. John Fontbonne in the Heritage Centre
- Kathleen with the archives staff for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon Convent
- Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyon archives



Fate of Religious Orders Archives Conference : A Summary

Nearly 100 archivists, historians and scholars attended a conference sponsored by the Catholic University of America entitled: The Fate of Catholic Religious Order Archives on March 29, 2017. The conference was held at the Pryzbyla Center on the campus of CUA in Washington, D.C. The content of the presentations will be available on line by the end of May via a website of Catholic University of America. Additionally a reporter from Catholic News Service posted an article about the conference. Here is the link: <http://www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2017/panel-archives-of-religious-orders-tell-history-of-us-church.cfm>

This attendee came away feeling assured that the archives of religious congregations are well worth the effort of saving and sharing for future generations and there is help available to make sure this happens even as congregations of religious are coming to an end of their existence.

The speakers all concur that the history of the Catholic Church, of women in the Church in America, and of America itself is vastly distorted if it does not include the contributions made by religious women and men as they provided education and health care to the multitudes of immigrants coming into the country. Through the work of the sisters and brothers, the newly arrived immigrants were able to successfully assimilate into American culture while maintaining the ethos and identity of being Catholic. The convent chronicles (annals) of women religious, in particular, along with letters, journals and diaries provide the emotional climate which permeated the daily lives of the sisters in their work as teachers, health care workers and social workers, administrators and counselors. This information exists nowhere else except in the archives of the religious motherhouses. Neither public nor diocesan archives have these records.

Such archives are veritable "gold mines" describing the cultural events of the 18th, 19th, 20th centuries by those who were living them. These events shaped the lives of the sisters and they, in turn, adapted to the needs of the times in response to the seismic shifts brought about by waves of immigrants (who initially came into an anti-Catholic climate), by two world wars, assassinations, riots, the ecumenical council and shifting cultural norms.

Furthermore, one cannot understand Catholic history without studying U.S. women religious who served as missionaries in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Catholic sisters have been and are agents of change in the American narrative and they have an essential place in American social history. To ignore this is to skew the story of these centuries.

In the second part of the morning, speakers addressed practical issues on how to preserve and share the vast treasure troves of information found in the archives of religious congregations as they complete their institutional life cycle. Some of the practical suggestions include collaboration, digitization and mergers. Examples were given of successful efforts using these three strategies to preserve legacies.

Similar to the concerns expressed by the members of the Custodia working group described in ACWR fall newsletter (11/26/16), there is a recognized urgency to address the issue of what to do as congregations of women religious, in particular, complete their institutional presence and sell or repurpose buildings.

The morning session ended on the hopeful note that organizations such as the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA) are greatly desirous of protecting endangered archives of women religious. They have resources and motivation to help with project management, digital repositories and networking.

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Five Dominican Sisters attended the Fate of Religious Archives Conference at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. March 29, 2017. Left to right: Dominican Sisters Mary Navarre, Grand Rapids; Elaine Keenan, Caldwell; Maureen Foy, Sparkhill, Judy Rudolph, Caldwell and Geraldine Milbert, Blauvelt.

Summary Notes (cont.)

The afternoon began with a report on the results of a survey of religious congregational archives and the provision of many resources from CUA, including documents on digitization, processing, tips for handling email, EAD's (Encoded Archival Description), appraisals, disaster planning and manuscript accessions.

Clearly the conversation has begun on the purpose, the value and the means for safeguarding the archives of religious congregations for the benefit of future generations of scholars, historians and the general public. The fate of our archives is important to think about now, to plan for now, even as the future is unfolding in all of its mystery and uncertainty.

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Planting the Seed: Connecting Archives to Community-Sponsored Ministries



Veronica Buchanan and Bre'Ale Jackson

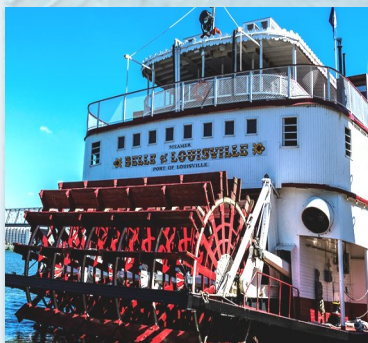
When I began my journey with the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati last May, I was hoping that one of my initial endeavors as Archivist would be to coordinate a collaboration with DePaul Cristo Rey High School's Corporate Work Study (CWSP) program. In my previous position with the University of Cincinnati's Henry R. Winkler Center for the History of the

Health Professions, I first encountered the program and was fortunate enough to provide partial supervision and projects for a work study student in the 2015-2016 school year. From that experience, I was inspired by the program's commitment to bringing real-world job experience to students, affording them the opportunity of leaving high school with a stronger resume than most college graduates! Thankfully, things fell in to place and we were able to commit to having two students in the archives with the full support of the SC Leadership Council and much-needed guidance and support by work study program director Travis Rowley. In assessing possible collaborative archival opportunities for the students, my primary criteria were finding projects that would support the mission of the community and empower the students by fostering a sense of pride and ownership in their work along with the cultivation of strong computer-based skill sets. With that in mind, the projects that held the most potential were updating records for Sisters buried at Mount Saint Joseph cemetery on the website www.findagrave.org and uploading finding aids for the community's vast mission collections to OhioLINK's digital repository.

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SAVE THE DATE

- **May 23, 2017**—[Caring for Scrapbooks Webinar](#)
- **July 23-29, 2017**—[SAA Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon](#)
- **September 25-26, 2017**—[Library and Archive Storage Strategies Workshop at the University of Texas](#)
- **September 13-15, 2018**—[ACWR Triennial Conference, Louisville, Kentucky](#)



With the plan in place, the week of August 29th, we welcomed Freshman Bre'Ale Jackson and Junior Jordi Vasquez Laynez to the Motherhouse campus for the school year! Bre'Ale was very enthusiastic from the start and jumped at the chance to meet and interact with Sisters around the campus. Through her project on the website www.findagrave.org, she has corrected existing records on the site for over 200 Sisters, most of which now include photographs of the Sister and grave marker thanks to her collaborations with Sisters Pat McQuinn and Joyce Brehm. Jordi impressed everyone right off the bat with his attention to detail and overall commitment to the position. Over the past year, he has excelled in the extensive initial training of the steps required to format and finalize each finding aid for submission. In the last year, he has been able to add over 70 finding aids to the OhioLINK EAD Finding Aid Repository, a feat he was proud to learn was never matched by college-level students at my previous position with the Winkler Center!



Jordi Vasquez-Laynez and Joyce Brehm, SC

Both students have grown tremendously through the past year both professionally and personally; Jordi has become more socially interactive with the archives team and other Sisters and Bre'ale has developed a stronger focus in her work and continues to find additional opportunities to learn about the rich history of the Sisters and community. Sister Joyce and myself have been consistently in awe of how successful and enriching the process has been not only for us, but all of the Sister volunteers in the archives as well. It has been an excellent example of a way in which we can support our sponsored ministries in furthering both their mission and the Charism of the community; the Charism is definitely urging us to continue this collaboration and we look forward to seeing how our future students will learn and grow from their experience!

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Working in the Archives: Climate Controlled and Dust Covered

Editor's Note: Perhaps Poems capture the feelings of Archivists better than descriptions.

Today
I chose
which
Love Affairs
to discard
became the view master
evaluating

Moveable Sun Slabs
gold and delicate peach
round contours and impasto paint
the only sun I will see here

Landforms
monumental works in herculean colors
Tabors
abstract percussion rhythms that never
belonged to me

Why did you take so many pictures of the same painting?

Sitting in a tiny windowless room
surrounded
by the dead
accessioned
statues, books, records on thin aged paper

They lean close as I
crouch over a light box
glowing island
emerging from my cluttered work station
out of place and time
tiny images to peer at

How can I get rid of these slide mounts of your life?

Comparing
light and color
Sorting through
someone else's art
fading reversal film of history
Time turned to lies
yellow and blueing

Did you know how the years would warp your images?

Blurring memories
of thoughts long past

I wonder if you thought your art would still be here?

I face
my mortality
in these
Reminders

What will I leave behind?

Decaying life
death captured
pressed
flower petals
snapshots of yesterday
positive images
between frames
of Eternity

Who were you, artist, outside of these meticulous slides?

-Natalie C. Smith, intern in the Archives of the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapid Michigan.

In her own words: Travels with Mother Mary of Providence

The little sea-port town of Key West, lying on the breast of the waters looked very sweet and tranquil in the moonlight... its palm and date and cocoa-nut trees silhouetted against the moonlit sky formed a pretty picture....The oleander and its hundred flowering plants filled the gardens and even the northern blast that swept over the island was softened into balmy breeze by contact with the warm waters of the gulf.

So wrote Mother Mary of Providence, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, Holyoke, in her diary entry after 4 days at sea, en route to Texas via Key West in January of 1904 – and not for the first time. In 1900, she also traveled to Texas, first to Galveston and on to San Antonio and other cities.

Recently, I found travel diaries and a letter written by Mother Mary about three extensive journeys she made in the early 20th century: to Texas in 1900 and 1904; and to Rochester, Minnesota in 1912. We knew from reports by other Sisters that Mother Mary traveled to New York to visit hospitals and learn best practices for the nursing schools that the Sisters of Providence opened in 1900. The latest finds are particularly exciting because they were written by Mother Mary herself during the course of her travels, with an immediacy and freshness not present in her more formal writings. It gave me an opportunity to reveal a new dimension to someone with whom the Sisters thought they were already very familiar.

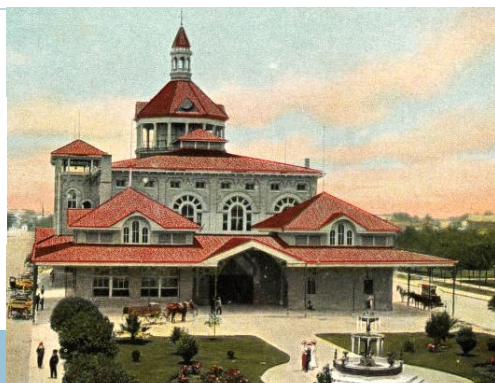
We assume that Mother Mary's trips to Texas were primarily to view the practices and facilities of other religious communities who were running institutions like those of the Sisters of Providence: hospitals and orphanages. In her 18 years as leader of the Congregation, she oversaw the establishment of over a dozen institutions, so it is no surprise that she was interested in fund-raising, architecture, and best practices for hospital care.

Of St. Paul's Sanitarium in Dallas, run by the Sisters of Charity, she wrote: "Fine entrance – solid building...lighted from roof...small openings between square pillars make an attractive center hall." In Galveston, she visited before and after the devastating hurricane of 1900, noting that the rebuilding of the orphanage was funded in part through "the exertions of the Bishop supplemented by the charity of benefactors...". She also reflected on the human cost of the hurricane:

Sad memories clustered about this Institution, for not even a stake had remained... where a hundred little children with their faithful foster-mother, the Sisters of Charity, had been swept into the sea.... To our astonishment a very substantial and imposing brick building sheltered a half hundred destitute children, who gamboled on the grounds as free from care as the little ones, who, since buried in the ocean, had greeted us on our previous visit.

San Antonio Market
(Left)

Phyllis Ladd shares with Sisters at the
"Tea and Travels" event
(Right)



What also captured the imagination of the Sisters and myself in the diaries are the descriptions of Mother Mary's traveling experiences and observations about everything from engineering to exports. In Galveston, she noted "Artificial harbor... constructed by Goot – at a cost of six million dollars" and in Key West she watched "the negroes loading and unloading ship – saw them taking on board 64 turtles, some of which of mammoth size, weighing 600 lbs. or more."

Traveling from Galveston to San Antonio Mother Mary observed:

... the discomforts of traveling in this southern clime are greatly diminished by the use of oil, instead of coal in generating steam. We rode all day with windows open, no smoke, no dust nor scinders (sic), only a whiff of the odor of oil was born on the air to us, as we rattled on, past negro huts and cactus fields.

From a letter which Mother Mary wrote home while in Minnesota, we were most interested to learn that she traveled to Rochester, Minnesota in 1912, to observe the renowned surgeon Dr. Will Mayo at what was then known as the Mayo Hospital.

...we spent the morning in the Operating Rooms... chiefly with Dr. Will Mayo: such heavy continuous surgery must be seen to be credited. From eight o'clock A.M. till noon... he operated alternately in Rooms #1 and 2, and without any intermission. While he is operating gauging the time, they begin to etherize the patient. As soon as his work is done, and the case explained, his assistants finish, and he goes to begin the new operation. His lectures are very educating. I feel that I am privileged to follow a special course in anatomy.

At a "Tea and Travels" event for the Sisters, I read aloud from diaries and a letter and provided some supplemental history relating to the places she visited and modes of transportation she took, aided by images found on the internet. Together we enjoyed a rare view of the Foundress of the Sisters of Providence - beyond her role as leader of the Community and enterprising advocate for the poor and sick - to the woman who was an intrepid traveler engaged by the ways of people and places far from her own home and by the innovations of her time.

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ACWR NEWS

REMINDER: ACWR Trading Card Submissions are due to [Dee Gallo](#) by **Friday, May 26.**



Please be sure to check out our [ACWR Facebook page](#) and send any submissions for "Throwback Thursday" to [Emily Reed](#). Here's an example of an [image](#) submitted by ACWR President Kathy Hertel-Baker:



Women Religious Resource Directory Project Update



Denise Gallo

When ACWR Vice President Dee Gallo attended the recent conference on The Fate of Religious Order Archives at The Catholic University of America, she left having had a richer experience than she expected because the program presented the possibility of an exciting new project for ACWR. One of the presentations, given by Prof. Carol Coburn, stressed a real need for a revision of the 1983 publication *Women Religious History Sources: A Guide to Repositories in the United States*, edited by Evangeline Thomas, CJS. Dee quickly realized that this would be a perfect project for ACWR, one with clear resonance to the current Custodia initiative.

“Since our member archives would have been represented in the initial guide, a revision using ACWR’s resources would assist those archives in updating their entries and would give the scholarly community a current list of collections of women religious and their whereabouts,” Dee suggested to the Board, which was meeting at the time of the conference. Executive Secretary Veronica Buchanan

quickly designed a spreadsheet in which she is inputting the original information; members are encouraged to send in a revised entry on a template designed specifically for the new listings.

Since the conference, Prof Coburn has been supportive of ACWR’s effort, explaining the importance of the guide to scholars. “As a young researcher who immersed herself in Sr. Evangeline Thomas’ 1983 classic, I am excited to support and encourage the ACWR for undertaking an updated, electronic version for worldwide accessibility and utilization. This was a one-of-a kind resource at the time and many research universities (public and private) acquired copies for their reference section.

“Sr. Evangeline’s prescient contribution paved the way for what began in the late 1990s as an explosion of interest and scholarship in the lives, contributions and experiences of American Catholic sisters. In 2017, the technology has created a vehicle for wider dissemination amid a growing body of scholarship on Catholic sisters. As an historian who understands and works to integrate the sisters’ stories into the mainstream scholarship of American women’s history, American social history and American Catholic history, I know the importance of such a valuable resource for present and future research. The ACWR project is a gift to scholars who wish to expand the American narrative; and ultimately, it provides a ‘living’ resource documenting the voluminous contributions of Catholic sisters – past, present and future,” she notes. Equally supportive has been Maria Mazzenga, Education Archivist at the American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives, The Catholic University of America, organizer of the conference.

The original guide, published as a book, included lengthy descriptions of collections and congregational histories. The goal of this new web-based directory is to provide a brief summary of the archive and collections with expanded fields for email addresses, websites, and other web-based links for the archive; those additional resources should provide the expansive summary that was initially included in the original 1983 directory. Having that content accessible through a clickable link will help to streamline the formatting and design of the directory when it is eventually published online. Furthermore, further revisions and additions can be made quickly. The Catholic Research Resources Alliance has expressed an interest in discussing possibly hosting the guide when completed.

ACWR requests that members fill in the following template:

Name of religious congregation and abbreviation:
Address of Archives:
Preferred citation:
Contact information:
Email:
Hours:
Access:
Holdings:
Scope and Content:
Website:
Facebook:
Blog:



Original Title Graphic
for the 1983 edition

Following is an example of a completed entry:

Name of religious congregation and abbreviation: Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN)
Address of Archives: 134 Main Avenue, Nazareth, KY 40048
Preferred citation: Text/images courtesy of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth
Contact information: 502-348-1548
Email: khertelbaker@scnky.org
Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment.
Access: Open with some restrictions; contact the archives for further information
Holdings: Approximately 1,000 linear feet
Scope and Content: Mainly information on the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth from their founding in 1812 to the present. Holdings include manuscripts, correspondence, books, photographs, artifacts, maps, artworks, and digital materials. Holdings relate to mission sites in the United States, India, Belize, Nepal, and Botswana.
Website: www.scnfamily.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCNArchives

Under holdings, members are asked to enter an approximation of the linear footage of the shelf space for the archival holdings. This field should not include the footage of artifact collections. As designed, the project will be multi-phrase, the first dedicated to collecting information on archives held by their own congregations. It will then move to other organizations like university and diocesan/archdiocesan archives holding such collections. Each will be clearly announced to the membership. ACWR's project might eventually go beyond the scope of compiling only the archives of women religious to include men's religious archives. Working through the section of religious archivists at SAA (ARCS), it could be possible to create a resource that would include men's religious archives as well as repositories beyond those related to Catholic institutions and congregations.

Dee was also pleased to report to the board that many of the attendees at the Catholic conference had been in contact with her for assistance with Custodia and were positive about ACWR's responses to their individual needs. "It was wonderful to meet some of the archivists with whom we'd been in contact and get such positive feedback," she said. After speaking and visiting communities who requested Custodia's help, Dee noted that it became apparent that there was not a one-size-fits-all solution for everyone. Some communities just needed to touch base as they entered the initial phase of considering the future while others had in hand developed plans and agreements with other communities, universities, and dioceses. Some had consulted with canon lawyers and had produced documents that not only protected their collections but their heritages. "In essence," Dee noted, "we learned as much about possible solutions as those who contacted us did from our resources." Custodia inquiries may still be made to ACWR by emailing at archivistsacwr@gmail.com.

In the end, the revision of Women Religious History Sources will provide a way to match up archives with others in similar phases of decision-making and to point new scholars to these rich repositories. In addition, it will offer the unexpected benefit of tracking what has happened to the collections of women religious in the 30 years since the original book was published.

Letter from the Editor

ACWR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

ACWR welcomes 4 new members since our Fall 2016 Newsletter publication. Their address, phone number, email address, etc. can be found for them, and all ACWR members, in our membership directory on our website: www.archivistsacwr.org.

Our new members are:

- Nadia Nasr
- Jean Daugherty, TOR
- Angela Ann Zukowski, MHS
- Elizabeth Pearson, IHM

Our current membership in ACWR is 221.

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S. Louise Grundish

Dear Members of ACWR,

Greetings from Western Pennsylvania where the spring is making a valiant effort to come but has been hampered by cold, a little snow, and lots of rain, wind and storms. The sun is out today so perhaps this is a sign of good things to come.

Please accept my apologies for this late arrival of the spring newsletter. The days have been very busy and it seems that all of the people wishing to submit articles were also engaged in major projects and requests. A rousing thanks you to all who managed to write and send articles. I am aware that this takes much extra time and effort. However, from the notes and letters I receive members do appreciate this service to them.

If you are doing something unique or special in your archives at this time, please take the time to write it up. Your ideas will certainly help others.

Thank you all for this opportunity to serve as Newsletter editor. I enjoy the challenge and am always amazed by the generosity of member who share their thoughts and ideas.

Enjoy the coming Summer months. I hope each of you have an opportunity for some rest and relaxation. I am looking forward to hearing from you in the fall.

Blessings on all.

Louise Grundish SC, lgrundish@scsh.org

Daughters of Charity Materials Made Available at CRRA Portal

The Daughters of Charity Provincial Archives is currently working on two digital resource initiatives with the Catholic Research Resources Alliance. Joining CRRA in 2016, the archives now has two major collections represented: scans of the Mother Seton Guild Bulletin and finding aids for the orphanages run by the Daughters.

The first project will feature the entire run of 121 issues of the Mother Seton Guild Bulletin. Published from 1941 to 1972, the bulletin, founded to promote the canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton, was the "Official Publication of the Vice Posulator," Rev. Salvator Burgio, C.M. Its contents not only trace the development of the Seton cause but also give a vivid picture of how the public participated and assisted in furthering the canonization process. The bulletins also trace the founding of the Sisters of Charity Federation in its early stages, with membership of the Daughters of Charity and the Sisters of Charity congregations of New York, New Jersey, Cincinnati, Seton Hill and Halifax.

While the scans were provided by the Provincial Archives, permission to publish the content was granted by Rev. Tomaž Mavrič, Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, and his Council.

The second project will expedite research into the Provincial Archives' most requested information: orphanages run by the Daughters. CRRA will eventually make available EAD finding aids for all 56 collections. Eventually, photographs of each institution will be linked to each entry as well.

Here is a sample posting of the [Mother Seton Guild Bulletin](#), in searchable PDF. An example of a finding aid may be accessed through the [CRRA Portal](#). New materials in both collections are being added weekly.

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