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# Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious

## 8th Triennial Conference

August 27–30, 2015

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Pittsburgh–Green Tree, Pennsylvania

# Conference 2015

## ACWR at 25: Bridging Tradition with Technology

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# Program

## Thursday, August 27

3:00–7:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION
4:00–5:00 p.m.	NEW MEMBER & FIRST-TIMER ORIENTATION <i>Alleghany</i> Greeters: ACWR Board members
7:00–8:00 p.m.	OPENING PLENARY SESSION Welcome: <b>Denise Gallo</b> , ACWR President Introduction: <b>Mary Ann Gschwind, FSPA</b> , Former ACWR President Keynote: <b>Nancy Schreck, OSF</b> “We have become more faithful, not less”
8:15–9:00 p.m.	SOCIAL

## Friday, August 28

7:00–8:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST
8:15-8:45 a.m.	MORNING PRAYER SERVICE <i>Interstate</i> Leader: <b>Mary Shimo, CBS</b>
9:00–10:00 a.m.	SECOND PLENARY SESSION Introduction: <b>Louise Grundish, SC</b> , ACWR Past President Speaker: <b>Rita Ferko Joyce, JCL, JD</b> , Diocese of Pittsburgh “Canon law and congregational archival policies and practices”
10:30–11:00 a.m.	BREAK

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11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS (note locations)

1. Archives 101

*Interstate*

Panelists:

Paper formats: **Denise Gallo**, Provincial Archivist,  
Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise

Objects: **Sarah Cantor**, Director of Archives, Sisters of  
the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, U.S.–Ontario  
Province

Photographs: **Mary Herbert**, Special Collections  
Archivist, Sisters of Bon Secours USA Archives

In response to last year's member survey, this session  
introduces archival best practices, strategies and  
available resources to the new archivist.

2. Digitizing Catholic Newspapers: Vision and Process  
*Alleghany*

Panelists from Duquesne University:

**Pat Lawton**, CRRRA Digital Projects Coordinator

**Robert Behary**, Systems Librarian

**Tom White**, University Archivist and Special  
Collections Curator

**Laverna Saunders**, University Librarian

Catholic newspapers are a rich source of information  
for researching parish histories, documenting the  
work of religious orders and community trends, and  
tracing family members for genealogy. Scholars are  
increasingly using Catholic newspapers to research a  
wide range of historical, economic and social topics.  
This case will show what can be accomplished over  
time with limited staff and budget. The technical  
details portion will cover the rationale for selecting  
the repository software, using outsourcing partners  
for the digitization of materials, and standards used  
for digitization.

2:00–4:00 p.m.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Introduction: **Sarah Cantor**, ACWR Vice-President  
Speaker: **Chris Doan**, Archivist, Archdiocese of San  
Francisco

“Where we are today: An Analysis of the Results of  
the ACWR Membership Survey”

5:00–6:00 p.m.

LITURGY

*Salons D and E*

Celebrant: **Most Reverend David A. Zubic**, Bishop of  
Pittsburgh

6:30–8:30 p.m.

DINNER & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

“A Celebration of ACWR at 25”

Sunday, August 30

7:30–8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

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2. Project Management for Archivists  
*Allegheny*  
Presenter: **Jennifer Head**, Archivist, Sisters of Charity  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This presentation is intended to be a brief overview of the project management process and the benefits it can have for archives, library, and museum professionals.

3. Archival Outreach  
*Ohio*  
Moderator: **Kathy Hertel-Baker**

“Spreading the Charism: Sparking the Interest, Sharing the History”

Panelists:

**Kathy Washy**, Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden

**Dennis Wodzinski**, Archivist, Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God

Congregational archives are often an underutilized source for spreading the charism and sparking the interest of diverse audiences. This presentation will offer inexpensive and effective ways to do charism outreach.

“Digital Technology in Exhibit Design and Promotion: The Story of ‘Over There’”

Presenter: **Carole Prietto**, Associate Archivist, Daughters of Charity, Province of St. Louise

This session will share images and video from the exhibit and discuss digitizing glass plate negatives, using audio and video editing software to add a multimedia component to exhibits, and sharing exhibits on social media.

12:30–1:30 p.m.

LUNCH (look for optional discussion tables on Heritage Displays or Planning for the Future)

3. Lessons Learned from Oral History Collections  
*Ohio*

Moderator: **Eleanor Craig, SL**

Panelists:

**Joseph W. Coen**, Archivist, Diocese of Brooklyn  
**Kate Feighery**, Archivist, Archdiocese of New York

This session will highlight lessons learned from both creating and managing oral history projects and dealing with legacy oral history projects. While the presenters are from diocesan archives, their collections include oral histories done with religious. Their experiences apply to oral history collections of both women religious and other religious institutions.

12:30–1:15 p.m.

LUNCH (look for optional discussion tables on Facility Renovation or Transitioning to Lay Archivists)

1:30–4:30 p.m.

TOURS

5:00–8:00 p.m.

RECEPTION (transportation provided)  
*Saint Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road*  
“A Taste of Pittsburgh”

## Saturday, August 29

7:00–8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

9:00–10:30 a.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (note locations)

1. Disaster Preparedness and Response for Small Religious Archives

*Interstate*

Panelists:

**Jerice Barrios**, Archivist, North American Province of the Cenacle

**Patricia Carroll**, Co-Chair, Chicago Area Religious Archivists

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The abundance of information available on the topic of disaster preparedness and response for libraries, archives, and museums is of limited help in preparing a site and collection specific plan. For those archivists who have not yet tackled a disaster preparedness plan, this presentation will be an introduction to thinking about the unthinkable.

2. Integrating the Story of Women Religious into the Broader Historical Narrative: Collaborations among Communities of Religious and Libraries and Archives

*Alleghany*

Moderator: **Pat Lawton, Ph.D.**

Panelists:

**Jean McManus**, Catholic Studies Librarian,  
University of Notre Dame

**Jillian Plummer**, Graduate Student in History,  
University of Notre Dame

**Shane Ulbrich**, Administrative Coordinator, Cushwa  
Center for the Study of American Catholicism

The shared purpose of members in library and archival settings is to integrate the story of women religious specifically, and Catholic history generally, into the broader historical narrative. Panelists will focus on local, regional, national, and international projects in support of digitization, discovery, and preservation of religious congregation archives. Participants will learn how to connect to these projects and to like-minded collaborators in their own communities.

3. Access and Confidentiality: Comments and Conversation

*Ohio*

Moderator: **Kathleen Mary Connelly, SCL**

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Panelists:

**Kathleen M. O'Connor**, Province Archivist, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, East-West Unit & Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity, St. Francis Province

**Fernanda Perrone**, Archivist and Associate Professor, Rutgers University

**Mary Serbacki, OSF**, Province Archivist, Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity

What do we share and what do we protect? Panelists will lead a conversation that will present various ideas about access and confidentiality, opening a dialogue for the audience to share their experiences and policies pertaining to congregational archives' access policies for external researchers.

10:30–11:00 a.m.

BREAK

POSTER/DEMONSTRATION SESSION

*Location TBD*

1. Presenter: **Scott D. Grimwood**, System Manager–Archives, SSM Health Experience and Franciscan Sisters of Mary

“Unique Transition of a Congregational Archives”

2. Presenter: **Eleanor Craig, SL**, Archivist, Loretto Heritage Center

“Loretto Heritage Center Digital Catalog”

11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (note locations)

1. Digitizing Records: Phantom Menace or the Power of the Force?

*Interstate*

Presenter: **Nancy Barthelemy**, Archivist, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Boston and Ipswich Provinces

This introductory workshop will discuss the challenges and advantages of dealing with digital records.