



*Consultants
Directory*

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1. a person who is a specialist in a particular subject and whose job is to give advice and information to businesses, government organizations, nonprofits, etc.

The 2022 Women Religious Archives Survey from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) indicates that more than 70% of congregations for women religious have fewer than 100 members, many with an average age above 80. The next 10-15 years will be difficult, transformational, and grace-filled for many Catholic sisters. As congregational leadership teams face a transitional future, conversations about legacy, charism, and archives are paramount. ACWR is committed to assisting congregations and their archivists in preparing for these unique journeys. Whether capturing the oral history of an aging community, digitizing historic photographs to share with a sponsored ministry, or readying a full archive and archival program for transition to another repository, there are professionally-trained, skilled archivists available for consultation.

The following directory lists archivists and archival consultants with experience working directly with women religious archives, as well as other types of special collections. ACWR has gathered this list for circulation to assist congregations, but we encourage each community to interview and fully vet any potential consultant(s). The consultants listed below may offer paid or unpaid services, depending on the scope of the proposed work. Please be in touch with the archivists directly if you are interested in their services.

If you would like to be on the latest edition of the directory, please contact the ACWR National Office at archivistsacwr@gmail.com with your contact information, location, current position, expertise, and recent headshot, if preferred. If you have other questions related to the directory, please also contact the ACWR National Office.



**Amanda
Gesiorski**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Programming/ Collaboration between Entities (ex: Sisters and School)/ Development of physical archives

Location

Missouri; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the St. Louis Monastery of the Visitation and St. Louis Visitation Academy

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**Andrea
Hetley**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Grant-Writing, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Setting up ArchivesSpace, Help with PastPerfect

Location

California; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the Sisters of the Presentation, San Francisco

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**Casey
Bowser**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Grant-Writing, Transferring / Merging Collections, Oral History Projects

Location

Pennsylvania; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and University Archivist for Seton Hill University

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**Catherine
Lucy, CA**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections

Location

Missouri; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Director of Archives for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

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Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Dealing with the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life

Location

Rhode Island; Willing to travel within New England and to consult virtually

Current Position

Provincial Archivist for the Religious of Jesus and Mary - U.S. Province

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**Denise
Gallo**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Appraisal; Development of Operational Plans

Location

New York; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Religious Archives Consultant; Former Director of Maryknoll Mission Archives

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**Ellen
Pierce**

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**Holly
Fiedler**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Appraisal, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Grant-Writing, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Oral History Projects, Preservation Evaluation, Moving/Packing Collections

Location

Colorado; Willing to travel regionally and consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the Sisters of St. Francis, Sacred Heart Community; Facilitator for Franciscan Central Archive (FCA); Board Member of Chicago Collaborative Archive Center

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**Jennifer
Head**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Moving archival collections, Deaccessioning collections

Location

Iowa; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Junia
Papas**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Preservation evaluation, Records Management Program, Digital Asset Management

Location

Michigan; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Junia Papas Archival Consulting, LLC; Former Director of Religious Archives for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph

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**Kathleen
Washy**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Grant-Writing, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location

Pennsylvania; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden

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**Laurel
Wilson**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location

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Current Position

Archivist for the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

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**Lisa
Gibbon**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location

Ohio; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Director of the Congregation of St. Joseph Archives

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**Lisa M.
Schell, MA, MLIS**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Grant-Writing, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location

Michigan; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Congregation Archivist for the Adrian Dominican Sisters

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**Michele
Levandoski**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Moving /Packing collections

Location

Wisconsin; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position

Director of the School Sisters of Notre Dame North American Archives

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**Michelle
Ganz, MLIS, CA**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location

Ohio; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Director of the Dominican Sisters of Peace Archive

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**Nadia
Nasr**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections

Location

California; Willing to travel regionally and to consult virtually

Current Position

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**Patricia
Carroll, MA, MLIS**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Transferring / Merging Collections

Location

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Current Position

Project Archivist with the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago; Archival Consultant

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**Samuel
McAdoo**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist

Location

Rhode Island; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Archivist for the Holy Union Sisters, U.S. Province

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**Sr. Ginger
Downey, OLVM**

Expertise

Transferring / Merging Collections, Transitioning to a Lay Archivist, Asking questions about where to put their archives and working with the congregations to come to decisions that all members can embrace and accept.

Location

Indiana; Willing to travel and to consult virtually

Current Position

Member of the National Archives Project for Women Religious

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**Veronica
Buchanan**

Expertise

Basic Archival Processing / Assessment, Collections and Records Management Policies, Digitization Projects, Grant-Writing

Location

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Current Position

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