



# Together *toward* Tomorrow

ACWR 2024 Triennial Conference • September 12-15 • St. Louis, Missouri

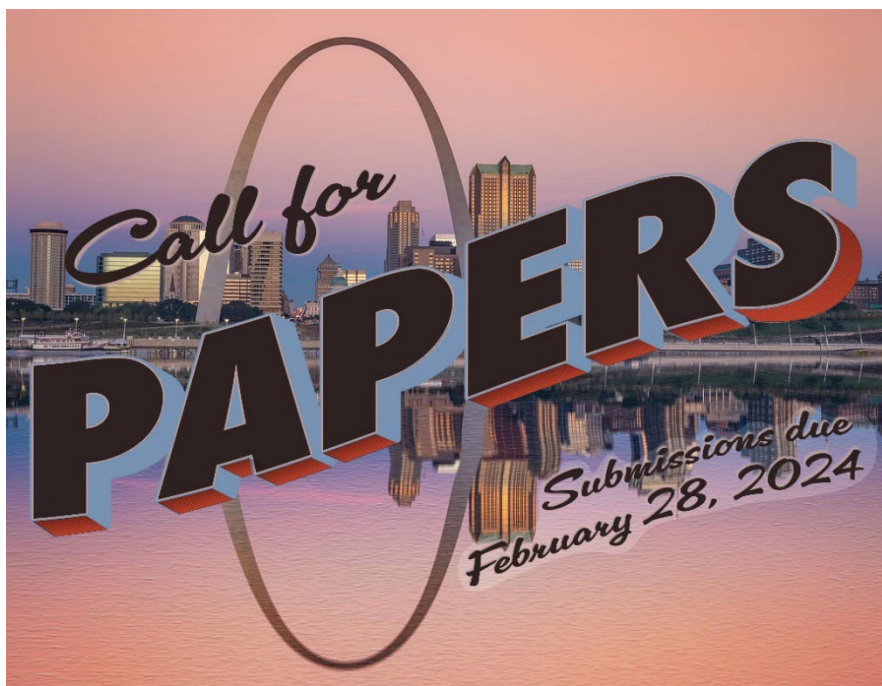
**The 11th Triennial Conference of the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious** will be September 12-15, 2024, at the Drury Plaza Hotel—St. Louis at the Arch in St. Louis, Missouri. The theme is “Together Toward Tomorrow.”

Now more than ever, archivists for congregations of women religious must work together to share knowledge and best practices to ensure that our collections are ready for what tomorrow brings.

ACWR welcomes proposals from its members, historians, archivists, congregational leaders, and all others. Single-presenter sessions, panel discussions, workshop sessions, lightning rounds, and roundtables will all be considered. Sessions will be divided into two tracks, one dedicated to basics and the other a deeper look at developing trends and practices.

Recent member feedback indicates interest in addressing how we:

- Ensure transmission of a community’s charism;
- Decide what materials best represent a congregation’s mission;
- Deal honestly with troubling topics such as slave holding, boarding schools, and abuse;
- Document women religious in the 21st century using technology and social media platforms;
- Transfer collections to “forever” homes and what to expect once it happens;
- Process backlogs and reappraise collections to best represent a congregation’s mission;
- And collaborate or partner with other organizations to further our work.



This year’s theme will allow presenters to share their research, case studies, and practical tips for dealing with these and similar issues.

**Specifics:** Breakout sessions are from 60 to 75 minutes inclusive of 15 minutes for discussion. A committee will evaluate program proposals on the strength of a 300-word abstract, the speakers’ experience, and relevance to the theme. All proposals should include a title and brief bio of the presenter(s). At the committee’s discretion, proposals may be merged into a multi-speaker format.

**Poster proposals:** A separate call for poster proposals is forthcoming, with a focus on archival projects related to Laudato Si and ecological justice.

Proposals must be submitted to [archivistsacwr@gmail.com](mailto:archivistsacwr@gmail.com) by February 28, 2024.