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## From the President

*By Ann Boltin, Diocese of Baton Rouge*

Here we are again, it is another even year which means in just a few short months we will host the largest gathering of Catholic Diocesan Archivists on the planet for one week in beautiful Mundelein, Illinois. Our two committees (host and education) have been hard at work planning all of the details of this years' conference which promises to be excellent as usual. Our conference is scheduled for the week of July 10–15, 2016.

The host committee, made up of Eric Fair, Amy Nelson, and Lee Leumas met in Chicago in November to work with Meg Hall and Jac Treanor on the responsibilities and logistics of planning and hosting our biennial conference. Due to staff shortages the Archdiocese of Chicago has had to remove itself from the role of host for this years' conference. The committee members each accepted the tasks they could accomplish from their respective dioceses. It was decided that there must be a point person in Chicago who could manage the local arrangements. With board approval, Jac Treanor has been hired to handle all local arrangements, vendor relations, and communications with attendees. We are very fortunate to have him as our "boots on the ground" in Chicago and I'm sure that with his many years of experience with this meeting that we can expect great things.

Our education committee, made up of Lee Leumas, Claire Jenkins, and Jon-Erik Gilot met in New Orleans in January at the Archdiocesan Archives and Records Center to plan the sessions. In between the amazing weather and incredible food we were able to get some work done and have put together a great line up of speakers and content for the newly appointed and well-seasoned amongst us. The theme this year is "Diocesan Archives and Records: The Cornerstone of Managing Information." Among the offerings will be the return of Chancellor's Day. This day will be held in the middle of our conference on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have as our speaker that day Dr. Diane Barr, JD, JCD, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of

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Baltimore. Both Lee and I had the pleasure of hearing her speak at our Chancery and Tribunal Officials meeting last year and were most impressed. I urge all of you to encourage your Chancellors to attend this very worthwhile session.

Lastly, you may have noticed ACDA has a new look. The social media committee has been working on a plan to boost the online presence of ACDA. The committee made up of Katie Oubre, Kate Feighery, An-gelique Richardson, and myself decided that a revamp of the existing website and the creation of a Face-book page are necessary to help raise awareness of our association and assist members in obtaining information. We also concluded that a redesign of the logo would help freshen up the look of ACDA. This new “rebranding” of our group has been an exciting endeavor. We hope you like the new look as much as we do. Be on the lookout for announcements regarding the launch of our Facebook page and website redesign.

### ACDA Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your ACDA membership for the 2016 year? We have begun a new and exciting membership year. To keep your membership current, mail a completed membership form and a \$25.00 check payable in U.S. funds to the Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists no later than March 1.

For more details, or for a copy of the membership form, contact Eric Fair at 314-792-7022 or [ericfair@archstl.org](mailto:ericfair@archstl.org).

Membership terms are from January through December of the current calendar year.

## New Staff Member at the PAHRC

*By Jessica Hoffman, Archdiocese of Philadelphia*

Jessica Hoffman, MSLIS, joined the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Historical Research Center (PAHRC) in October 2015 as Associate Archivist. She received her MSLIS with a concentration in Archival Studies from Drexel University in 2015. Prior to her position at PAHRC, she held positions at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania’s Special Collections Research Center, and was the Project Assistant for the PACSCL/CLIR Hidden Collections Project. She has been a member of the Society of American Archivists since 2013, and also serves as Secretary on the Planning Committee of the Delaware Valley Archivists’ Group. Her interests include digital scholarship, underdocumented populations in the U.S., printed ephemera, and Philadelphia history. She has also started a Facebook page and Tumblr blog for PAHRC: [www.facebook.com/PhilaAHRC/](http://www.facebook.com/PhilaAHRC/) and <http://pahrc.tumblr.com/>.

## News from the Catholic Archives of Texas

*By Marian J. Barber, Catholic Archives of Texas*

The Catholic Archives of Texas is proud to announce that Msgr. James Vanderholt has been elected a Fellow of the Texas Catholic Historical Society. Msgr. Vanderholt has done research at the CAT for his many works on Texas Catholic history and has made important donations to the Archives.

Three scholars who have recently used the collections of the Catholic Archives of Texas in their research presented papers at the 2016 meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association in Atlanta. Sr. Madeleine Grace, CVI, of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, discussed her biography of Bishop Nicholas A. Gallagher, while Jason Surmiller of the University of Texas at Dallas spoke on U.S. Catholics' support of the Catholics of Mexico during the anti-clerical persecution of the 1920s and 1930s. Fr. Richard Gribble, CSC, of Stonehill College, spoke on Fr. Edward Heston's role in Vatican II. He has used the CAT's collections for his current project, a biography of Humberto Sousa Cardinal Medeiros.

## 2015 Financial Report

*By Eric Fair, Archdiocese of St. Louis*

### Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists Profit & Loss January through December 2015

		Jan - Dec 15
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Interest Income	20.21	
Membership Dues	3,750.00	
Publication Receipts	215.50	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,985.71</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>3,985.71</b>	
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Annual Meeting Expenses</b>		
Consultant Fees	2,000.00	
Lodging/Meals	6,000.00	
Planning	2,925.26	
<b>Total Annual Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>10,925.26</b>	
Bank Service Charges	8.49	
Miscellaneous Expenses	142.52	
Restricted Expense	691.30	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,767.59</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-7,781.88</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>-7,781.88</u></b>	

## Quiz-A-Catholic: Religious Entertainment in the Golden Age of Television

*By Rena Schergen, Archdiocese of St. Louis*

Archbishop Joseph Cardinal Ritter established the Archdiocese of St. Louis's Radio and Television Office in October 1954 when KWK-TV (now KMOX-TV) approached him with a half-hour time slot. The first two television programs that the Archdiocese produced were one-year-long educational series focused on Catholic theology and institution.

Quiz-A-Catholic was its third program, a game show loosely based on the television show Twenty Questions. Quiz-A-Catholic ran from 1956 to 1966 and was one of the Archdiocese's longest running shows. It's no wonder – the program regularly featured local and national celebrities, and recurring panelists were good-humored and lovable. The show represents a unique snapshot of this booming era of television. Even more so, it's a testament to the close-knit, small-town feel of St. Louis Catholic culture. Every Catholic from this generation seems to know someone who was a panelist on the show.

In January 2015, Dennis Cavanagh approached the Office of Archives and Records hoping to find footage of his father Lee

Cavanagh. Lee Cavanagh was a local St. Louis celebrity who hosted television shows for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Dennis graciously offered to foot the bill to digitize every Quiz-A-Catholic episode that the Archives owned. The Archives now has 30 digitized episodes, the majority of which are dated 1956 to 1958, with a few undated outliers presumably from the 1960s.

Cintrex AV, a local media conversion and preservation business in St. Louis, digitized the 16mm films. A few unexpected but not unusual circumstances arose with the films including required splicing, unexpected footage, and vinegar syndrome. While several reels showed signs of vinegar syndrome, only one



### How the Game Is Played

Viewers submit Catholic-related subjects via mail in five categories: objects, practices, events, personalities and teachings. Moderated by local radio and television host Lee Cavanagh, the four panelists attempt to guess the topic within 3 minutes using only Yes/No questions. Each episode features a guest priest who provides a brief discourse of the subject after each round. Along with three regular panelists, the fourth spot was open for a guest panelist, which could range from St. Louis laypersons and local personalities to nationally -recognized figures like Danny Thomas, Bob

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## **Diocesan Archives and Records: The Cornerstone of Managing Information**

### **2016 Conference Program Set**

*By Lee Leumas, Program Committee Chair*

In January the Program Committee, Lee Leumas (Archdiocese of New Orleans), Jon-Erik Gilot (Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston), and Claire Jenkins (Archdiocese of Atlanta), met in New Orleans with Ann Boltin, ACDA president, and ACDA Event Coordinator, Jac Treanor, to plan the 2016 Biennial ACDA Conference. The Conference is planned for Sunday, July 10 through Friday, July 15, at the Conference Center of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois.

This conference will emphasize the importance of building a solid foundation for managing information in a diocesan archives and records program. Sessions, workshops, and panel discussions will address the needs and concerns of the beginning archivists as well as the seasoned archivists. Topics include archives and records management basics, disaster planning, working with vendors, closing parishes and schools, outside collections, and community collections.

There will be a full day dedicated to the Role of the Chancellor within the Archives. Dianne Barr, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will address policies and procedures in regards to records, access to records, litigation, and discovery.

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker is Dr. John T. McGreevy, Dean of the College of Arts & Letters at Notre Dame University. Dr. McGreevy will focus on the importance of Catholic Archives and his use of archives for his research and book publications.

By popular demand, we will once again have a day trip to Chicago. The program committee has planned a great day with a few surprises.

The conference fee of \$825.00 will cover all lodging, meals, socials, and sessions. (Where else can you spend 5 days with colleagues and friends, be treated so well, and learn so much?) More information, including the full schedule of sessions and events, will be published in the next newsletter.

If you have questions about the conference, please email us at [ACDA2016conference@gmail.com](mailto:ACDA2016conference@gmail.com).

## **Job Opportunity at the Diocese of Wilmington**

*By Donn Devine, Diocese of Wilmington*

The Diocese of Wilmington seeks a part-time Archivist to work a negotiable schedule of 8 – 16 hours per week. The Archivist will be responsible for the operation of the Archives of the Diocese of Wilmington and providing consultation on records management. Duties include recommending and implementing procedures to appraise significance of records; cost-effective management and security of records; identifying administrative, legal, or historical need for records as well as creating and maintaining an appropriate retention schedule. Bachelor's degree plus 3 years of experience or education in the fields of records management, archival operations, etc. Ability to work with confidential and sensitive information. Familiarity with ecclesiastical Latin and an understanding of the history, organization, and policies of the Catholic Church. Submit resume and cover letter to: [jobs@cdow.org](mailto:jobs@cdow.org). EOE

## Quiz-A-Catholic (continued)

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reel was so damaged that Cintrex AV was unable to extract any footage. Cintrex AV provided DVD copies to Dennis and the Archives paid for extra copies to add to the collection: DVD access copies and H.264 mp4 files to store in our content management software HP Records Manager.

The next step was to go public. Archives staff upload compressed versions of Quiz-A-Catholic videos on the Archdiocese's YouTube channel ArchSTLmedia around every other week. The first episode to go online was posted just in time for the feast day of St. Jude Thaddeus on October 28. Starring Danny Thomas in 1961. It spotlights a special introductory interview with him, where he advocates for research and relief for families with childhood illnesses through the founding of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It was, no doubt, one of many public outlets Thomas used to promote the institution that would open its doors in February 1962.

Don't miss out on this unique slice of Catholic entertainment in the Golden Age of television. Episodes are at: <https://www.youtube.com/archstlmedia>.

## 2016 Mundelein Scholarships

In 2016, the ACDA will again offer two scholarships to the Mundelein conference. These scholarships, named in honor of Founding Member James O'Toole, are granted to individuals working in diocesan archives who have not previously attended a Mundelein conference. They cover the full registration costs, which include meals and lodging. Recipients are responsible for their own transportation costs.

The scholarships will be awarded by the Program Committee (Lee Leumas, Claire Jenkins and Jon-Eric Gilot). Application forms, which are included in this newsletter, must be submitted **by May 5, 2016**. If you have questions about the application form or about the scholarships themselves, please contact Lee Leumas.

## News from the New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission

*By Alan Delozier, Archdiocese of Newark*

The New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission has resurrected its newsletter known as "The Recorder" and the current issue (January 2016) and past editions are available for review. The goal of this publication is to share personal accomplishments, institutional news, archival and library resource information, research projects, upcoming events, and other items that touch upon the religious history of New Jersey in some manner. With data sharing in mind, we invite you to submit anything from a news update to a full-length article as we currently work on constructing our third (June 2016) edition and welcome your input. Along with the newsletter found in the above attachment, blog entries and further informa-

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## **Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists**

### **2016 Summer Conference**

### **Scholarship Application Form**

Two scholarships are available for individuals employed in (arch)diocesan archives to attend the 2016 Summer Conference. The conference will be held at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, from July 10th to July 15th. Scholarships will be awarded for the full cost of the conference (\$825.00), which includes all meals and lodging. The scholarships do not cover transportation costs.

These scholarships will be awarded by the Program Committee. Applicants must be both employed in diocesan archives and first-time attendees at the Mundelein conference.

To apply, please complete this form and return it, **by May 5th**, to the address below. The recipients will be notified by May 12th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in position \_\_\_\_\_ ACDA Member y / n

Please list primary job responsibilities.

Please provide a brief statement about how your attendance at the conference will help your program or your professional growth (use other side if necessary).

**Return by May 5<sup>th</sup> to ACDA2016conference@gmail.com**

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-tion about the NJCHC can be found via our homepage at - <http://blogs.shu.edu/njchc/> or directly via the following address - <http://blogs.shu.edu/njchc/files/2010/11/The-Recorder-June-2015-Newsletter-Full-Text-Version-PDF1.pdf>

The New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission also has a Facebook page so please feel free to visit and view content and suggestions for posting along with giving us a like if you could. Thank you in advance for your interest.

The New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission is pleased to announce the publication of its latest book *The Catholic Historian's Handbook: Researching and Writing your First Catholic History Project* by Carl Ganz, Jr. This book is intended for the amateur historian compiling a history of local Catholic events and institutions. Because we want this book to reach as wide an audience as possible, we are offering an electronic copy free to anyone on our website (please contact [Alan.Delozier@shu.edu](mailto:Alan.Delozier@shu.edu) for more information) in the near future. You may also purchase a copy of the printed edition from Amazon here: <http://tinyurl.com/CatholicHistorian>. (\* If you have already requested a copy and have not received the link please let me know and we will send out right away. Thank you for your interest and patience.)

The Commission has partnered with the Seton Hall University Department of Catholic Studies and will be co-sponsoring various events throughout the 2014-2015 academic year including an upcoming symposium in honor of Dr. John C.H. Wu (1899-1986), a prominent Chinese jurist and writer whose specialization was Christian spirituality, literature, and jurisprudence. He is most noted for his examination on the work of Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. and as lead author of Chinese Constitution of 1946. In 1957, Dr. Wu was appointed judge of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague by the President of the Nationalist Chinese Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Earlier in his career, Dr. Wu had served as an adviser to the Chinese delegation at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945 and Nationalist Ambassador from China to the Vatican, 1947-49. For more information here is a link to the program - <https://www.shu.edu/news/symposium-honor-dr-john-c-h-wu.cfm> or you can contact Alan Delozier at: [Alan.Delozier@shu.edu](mailto:Alan.Delozier@shu.edu) / (973) 275-2378.

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