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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Deacon William J. Bissenden, CA



It has been an eventful year. Our biennial meeting in Mundelein was a success, political passions are in a heightened state awaiting the outcome of an election to determine who will be president for the next four years; and sadly our brothers and sisters in Louisiana and adjacent Gulf States again endured massive flooding caused by Hurricane Isaac anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. And, there was the sad news of the passing of Neil Armstrong, one member of the band of courageous astronauts that “dared to boldly go where no man has gone before.” The timing of his demise was marked by a Blue Moon as if in tribute to the first man to step on its surface and leave his footprints as testimony of his visit. A recent news report said that the foot prints are still visible.

To get to our biennial conference this year, I elected to drive my 1997 Ford F150 pickup truck from Bridgeport, CT, to Mundelein, IL, and of course I took I80, one of the straightest interstate highways in the country. This journey gave me an opportunity to enjoy some of the majesty that our great country has to offer, not necessarily the great geological wonders, but the glass and concrete majesty of the City of New York at one end and the City of Chicago at the other end; and in between the small towns, like Montpelier, Ohio, and the seemingly endless farmlands that dominated the landscape. It was a drive that provided a panoramic view of one section of a greater mosaic that defines the length and breadth of our nation.

The return journey gave me an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful world of Archives. Specifically, in the richness of the history contained in the multitude of diverse repositories that safeguard the history of individuals and organizations that made this country what it is. And, yes, these repositories also contain testimonies that document the mistakes that have been made.

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My thoughts turned to the archivists I met during my personal archives-oriented journey of the last nine years who are responsible for the management of many of these repositories. One of the questions pondered was: “how and why does one choose a career as an archivist?” It is often a misunderstood profession and not perceived as very exciting or glamorous. It is hard to imagine a child in elementary school on career day, when asked “what do you want to be when grow up?” saying with great excitement, “I want to be an archivist.” Now that answer might be possible if one of the child’s parents is an archivist. But the truth is that the profession of archivist is not well known; even many adults simply do not know what an archivist is. It is a pretty good bet that each of us has had to explain at one time or another just what archives are and what we as archivists do.

Those thoughts led to the question “why does one choose to become an archivist?” Discounting sons and daughters of archivists, is it a professional track one decides to follow before or while in college? Is it the result of an assignment offered because of a vacancy in an organization one might belong to? Or is it simply an unexpected opportunity that someone might stumble upon and decide to pursue? These reflections led to the thought that this might make an interesting study. This was quickly followed by other questions such “Who would do it and why?” Neither of these has been answered yet.

At about this time, the GPS began its alert to prepare to turn right at the next exit which led to

Bloomerg, PA, where food, fuel, and an Econo Lodge would be waiting. Immediately upon approaching the inn it was apparent that something special was going on. The parking lot was filled with very imposing looking pickup trucks each with huge tires, impressive chrome accessories and distinctive paint schemes.

Now, remember, I am driving a plain white, six cylinder Ford F150 pickup, not exactly a muscle truck. To say it was a little intimidating to park next to one of these trucks is to say the least. Later while talking with some of owners of the trucks, I learned that there was an event called the East Coast Nationals held at Numidia dragway (near Bloomsburg, PA) sponsored by the National Association of Diesel Motorsports (NADM). It should be pointed out that while their trucks were intimidating, the owners and event officials were not, none of the men and women in that organization scuffed at my well used modest pickup truck as sad as it looked next to their magnificent vehicles.

The next morning on the last leg of my journey, I again began to reflect on the events of the ACDA conference during the past week. This experience, followed by the chance encounter with members of NADM reminded me of yet another dimension of the grandeur of our great country. And, that is the freedoms we enjoy that allow each of to follow our dreams wherever they may lead, be it in the world of archives or “tricked out” monster pickup trucks, or both. ■

ACDA CONFERENCE

By: Sarah Patterson

Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky

This past July was my first time attending an ACDA conference. Hired as the archivist for the Diocese of Owensboro one year prior, I was very excited to meet fellow diocesan archivists and hear talks pertinent to our unique archives. A major benefit received from the conference was the reminder of the important things: policies, procedures, retention schedule, and providing records training for diocesan staff. Having these foundation elements of an established archives and known can get lost in the day-to-day busyness of reference requests and the like.

Another thing I enjoyed about the conference were the socials every night. This gave us an opportunity to meet, establish friendships, and eventually talk shop. I am very grateful to ACDA for all the work that went into planning the conference and for offering scholarships to two first time attendees. It is a great blessing to have been awarded this. The conference is a worthwhile program and I would highly recommend it to anyone! ■



ACDA CONFERENCE

By Kate Toft Madsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Autumn has finally come to Copenhagen. The weather is wet, grey and chilly. It's hard to believe that it was so hot in Mundelein that stepping out of the air-conditioned conference building was like stepping into a sauna. I've been asked to tell about how it was to participate in an ACDA conference when you're from abroad. Let me begin by explaining how I came to be participating at all.

Although I've lived in Copenhagen, Denmark for 34 years, I grew up in Chicago. In Copenhagen I am in charge of the diocesan library and am "gatekeeper" to the historical archives. We hope to merge the library and the archives soon. A year ago I was "home" visiting my father, who suffers from dementia, and now lives in a nursing home north of the city. As anyone who has tried it knows, visiting a loved-one with dementia is heavy. I have always loved downtown Chicago, "The Loop", and determined to take a day off and go there. For some reason before going downtown I came to think of the head of the library board, historian Helge Clausen, and thought: if Helge were here, he'd see if there wasn't a catholic library or archives to visit.

So I got on the web and found the Bernardin Archives and Records Center. Katie Pereira welcomed me, gave me a great tour of the archives, took me to lunch in Greek Town, and gave me a copy of the ACDA manual. It was one of those "hand of God" experiences. I went home elated, determined to see if the diocese would pay part of my way to the ACDA conference. And they did.

Though I've lived abroad for the last 34 years, my basic "hardwiring" is American, so being among Americans isn't strange for me. And then there's the catholic part: we just do have a certain corporate culture in the Church, maybe especially those of us who work for a diocese. Some shared satisfactions and frustrations? One difference in culture was business cards: the Danish library scene is so intimate, that we would never do anything so formal as to give business cards to each other, so I had none with me.

The stories of the ravages of Hurricane Katrina on the diocesan archives of the South made a great impression on me. I've included them in my report to our bishop, Czeslaw Kozon, and hope it will help convince him that saving documents digitally is actually safer than saving them on paper. We have also experienced misconduct cases here, and to our collective shame there were documents that honestly could not be found, so stories of the positive impression the speedy retrieval of digital documents makes on lawyers were very credible and really hit home. Touch wood, we will have no more misconduct cases, but if we should, it would be nice to have things in order. *(Continued on page 5)*



Since summer vacation I've been working with the bishop's secretary on improving our records management here. It takes time, but slowly things are moving along. Our bishop will be visiting Adelaide, Australia soon, and by happy chance they have a good records management program there and would be happy to give him a tour. Getting him on board is really important. Last but not least, the members of ACDA really impressed me as a dedicated and friendly group of people that one quickly grows fond of. Now when I hear something in the news about severe weather in the US, I think of you and wonder whether your records are safe.
Ora et labora! ■

2012 TECHNOLOGY EVANGELIZATION AWARDS

By: Lisa G. Mobley, Archivist, Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL

Bishop Robert N. Lynch, Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL
Nominated by: Sister Marlene Weidenborner – Diocese of St. Petersburg

"Our Bishop is a bit of a technology fiend, adapting and using quickly. His most notable contribution in this area I believe is his blog... Located on the web site of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, it is available to all those who are interested. Bishop Lynch writes very well, and is not afraid to take on the issues of the day, regardless of how controversial they may be. His site, "For His Friends" gives a very human insight into this diocesan leader. There are personal reflections, clear instruction, human interest and always the effort to spread the Word. Recently he has written about the train trip he took with his brother, in clear, instructive and loving ways. One feels as if they are along with these two men who are reconnecting, but above all the humanity of each is palpable. The blog is a marvelous way to instruct and to catechize, but it is also a way to share the humanity of this church leader in a time when personalization is so needed. As St. Francis said, "Preach always; when necessary use words." Bishop Lynch's blog is a marvelous example of a teaching shepherd with a gently guiding hand (or keyboard)."

To my ACDA Colleagues:

Imagine my surprise when I returned from our ACDA Conference this year where discussions with fellow Archivists ensued about our IT Departments and the knowledge they have that could enhance our Archives & Records Management programs, and who also attend DISC Conferences, to find my own Bishop had won the 2012 DISC award.

The time is now, this century, to begin pairing up with our DISC brothers and sisters who can aide in bringing our archives and records management programs to a new streamlined, technically savvy system armed with the necessary tools that procure, protect and preserve our sacred heritage for future generations. In the words of Buzz Light Year – "To infinity and beyond!" ■

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT: RELIGIOUS INSTITUTE OF CONSECRATED LIFE

By: Heidi Christein, Archivist, Archdiocese of Detroit



Four women's religious institutes of consecrated life were founded in what is now the Archdiocese of Detroit. The only missionary institute was the Xavier Sisters, whose official name is The Society of Catholic Mission Sisters of St. Francis Xavier.

The group started with the arrival of a former Religious, Lula Manes, in Detroit, in the early days of World War II. Sr. Helen, as she was known, wanted to return to work in India; she had been forced out of the country due to ill health and the war. She came to Detroit to seek the support of Archbishop Edward Mooney, who had been the Apostolic Delegate to India and Japan prior to the war. Sr. Helen's ideas attracted several other women, and they began the *Mission Digest* Magazine to support those who Sr. Helen hoped to lead to India.

As the efforts of the small group expanded, Archbishop Mooney formally established them as a religious institute of diocesan right on December 3, 1946. The new institute was placed under the supervision of the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban (from Ireland); that supervision was withdrawn in 1954. The charge of the new institute was to perform missionary work in India and Japan. Sister Miriam served as the first superior; after 12 years, Sr. Mary Paul became superior. The Motherhouse was originally in Warren, Michigan but moved to Fraser, Michigan in 1961. The institute is now located in Clinton Township, Michigan. (Continued on page 7)

In 1955, the first three sisters left for Japan. For the first 18 months, the sisters studied the language and customs of Japan. Their first mission was established in Kochi, on the island of Shikoku, where they taught catechism at an orphanage and visited the sick at home and in hospitals. The first Japanese postulant joined them in 1956. The sisters worked in concert with the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate and soon expanded their work to teaching English and later to teaching “American cooking” at their hostel and convent in Kochi, which opened in 1963.

In 1968, the Sisters opened their second hostel and convent in Tokashima, Japan. By 1974, the sisters were exploring possible expansion to Brazil; while one sister did spend time there, the sisters never formally worked in Brazil.

In 1975 the sisters withdrew from Japan; the members of the institute only worked in Michigan from that time on. Their work included jail ministry, youth and home ministry, and work in mental hospitals. They also served in nursing homes as well as teaching catechism. Bereavement ministry and work in retirement homes has been the most recent part of their ministry. Since 1975, the institute has not accepted any new members, and as of 2012, only one sister remains.

The Xavier Sisters Collection consists of correspondence between the Chancery and the Sisters, as well as mail exchanges between the Sisters in the US and in Japan. There are materials relating to the writing of their constitutions and Chapter meetings, as well as files on individual sisters. Their publications are also included as is some financial material. There are extensive photos and a very small amount of audio tapes and 16mm films. The collection also includes a habit. In total, the collection is 16 paige boxes. Some of the materials (such as the individual sister’s files) are not yet open to research, but most of the collection is available for study. ■

SEND US YOUR NEWS!!

We all want to know about the professional and personal developments of our peers and colleagues. Perhaps your office has undertaken a major project, or received grant funding. Perhaps you’ve retired, received professional recognition, or passed a personal milestone. Submissions do not need to be lengthy or Pulitzer Prize-worthy. And pictures speak volumes!

FR. MATERNOWSKI DEDICATION

By: Mary Herbert, C.A., Saint Anthony of Padua Province, USA, OFMConv., Ellicott City, Maryland



The Archives of Saint Anthony of Padua Province, USA, OFMConv., was tickled this summer to see research within our collections used to build international good will.

Over a year ago, our Archives provided research assistance for a memorial to honor one of our Friars. The memorial, we were told, would be set in France where Fr. Maternowski died during World War II.

A French teacher, Ms. Kelly Carrigg, at Father Maternowski's high school alma mater, Saint Francis High School in Athol Springs, New York, was in communication

with French citizens who wished to honor our Friar Chaplain. Some of these citizens remembered the events surrounding Fr. Maternowski's death and desired to pay him tribute.

Fr. Ignatius Maternowski (1912-1944) responded to the call to religious life and professed his simple vows in 1932. He took his final vows and was ordained to the priesthood in the same year, 1938. He was given permission to render his services as a military chaplain and enlisted in the Armed Forces in 1942. Father Maternowski was a paratrooper and chaplain in the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. He was shot by an unknown sniper while tending to wounded Americans after the D-Day Invasion.

In July of this year, Ms. Carrigg led a group of six Western New Yorkers to Normandy, France where they participated in some very special events. The capstone of the visit was the dedication of a memorial to Father Ignatius Maternowski, SFHS Class of 1931, in Picauville, France.

Over seventy local French attended the event to honor Father Maternowski who gave his life on D-Day, 6 June 1944. A local French organization, U.S.- Normandy Memory and Gratitude, created and unveiled the memorial on 15 July 2012. The memorial is near the U.S. Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer where over 9,000 Americans are laid to rest here from the D-Day Campaign. The U.S. Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer is located next to Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. ■

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE EXHIBIT: IMAGES OF MARY

By: Bernadette Lucero, Archival/ Curatorial Assistant, Archdiocese of Santa Fe

In July 2012, an exclusive new exhibit entitled *Images of Mary* opened featuring some of the many images and titles of Our Blessed Mother. This exhibit features *bultos* (carved or sculpted three-dimensional representations of saints) of Marian images that include *Nuestra Señora Como Una Muchacha* (Mary as a young girl),

and *Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria* (Our Lady of the Candles), as well as a signed image of Our Lady of China. The first Cardinal of China, Cardinal Thomas Tien Ken-sin presented the image to the eighth Archbishop of Santa Fe Most Reverend Edwin V. Byrne in ca. 1955.



(Left: The display includes large scale portraits, paintings and carvings of the many *Images of Mary*, incorporating the titles parishes and mission churches have used as their namesake. Center: The carved stone *reredo* altar screen at Rosario Chapel depicts artist Eugenie Shonnards depiction of La Conquistadora, the image resides on a niche attached to the *reredo* during the annual nine day novena masses held at Rosario Chapel and is returned following a solemn procession to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi where she permanently resides. Right: *Bultos*, *Nuestra Señora Como Una Muchacha*, and *Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria*.

On January 6, 1912, after a long road to statehood, New Mexico became the 47th state in the Union and state officials commemorated this event with a yearlong Centennial Celebration beginning on January 6, 2012. The Fiesta de Santa Fe is celebrating the 300th fiesta commemorating the 1693 resettlement of New Mexico following the Pueblo Revolt of 1680; led by General Don Diego de Vargas who aspired to honor the Marian image of *Nuestra*

Señora La Conquistadora annually in gratitude for the resettlement of New Mexico. La Conquistadora was brought to New Mexico in 1625 by Fray Alonzo de Benavidez and was rescued from the burning *parroquia* church during the revolt of 1680. The Marian statue has had numerous titles in New Mexico including Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of the Conquest, and Our Lady Peace. (Continued on page 10)

The rich history of Marian devotion in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe includes the establishment of the first Presidium of the Legion of Mary in the United States in 1931 at the parish church in Raton, the solemn consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 7, 1945.

In 1954, at the close of the Marian Year on September 5, Blessed Pope John XXIII recognized La Conquistadora as the Oldest Marian image in the United States. La Conquistadora was declared the queen of New Mexico and bestowed a papal coronation; on June 26, 1960, Most Reverend Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate, performed the papal coronation.

The rich Catholic faith and devotion to the Blessed Mother were influenced by Spanish Franciscan Missionaries who built the early missions of New Mexico. The Franciscan Missionaries attributed their blue habits as a

form of devotion to Mary. When the territory of New Mexico became part of the United States in 1846, American Bishops petitioned the Holy See for a bishop of the Great Southwest. On July 19, 1850 Pope Pius IX appointed John Baptiste Lamy of Covington Kentucky, a French priest, as the first Bishop of the newly established Vicariate Apostolic of New Mexico, which was later elevated to an Archdiocese on February 12, 1875 making Bishop Lamy the first Archbishop of Santa Fe.

Franciscan Missionaries and Archbishop Lamy planted the seeds of the Catholic faith in the Archdiocese which continues to grow under the current pastoral leadership of the eleventh Archbishop of Santa Fe the Most Reverend Michael J. Sheehan. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe opened an Archdiocesan Museum in 1993 to showcase the rich history of the Archdiocese; the museum was blessed on October 11, 1993 by Archbishop Sheehan and is open to the faithful Monday through Friday. ■

DIOCESE OF WHEELIG-CHARLESTON PUBLISHES VATICAN II LETTERS

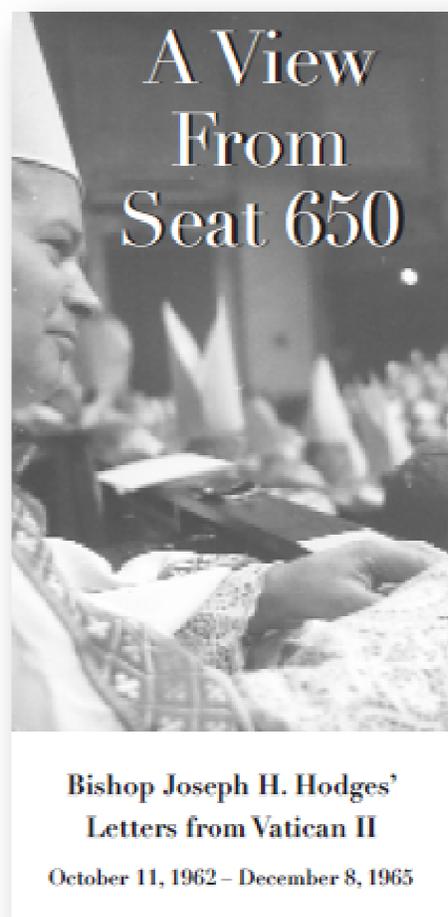
By: Jon-Erik Gilot, Director of Archives and Records, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

In celebration of the Year of Faith and the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has published the letters written by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges while attending each period of the Council. *A View From Seat 650* contains nearly 40 letters Hodges wrote home to the faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for publication in the *West Virginia Register*, the Catholic newspaper of the Diocese. The letters are rich in detail and provide a glimpse into the discussions, meetings and events that comprised Vatican II, explaining how these decisions would impact not only Hodges' Diocese but the Catholic faith as a whole.

The letters are supplemented with more than two dozen photographs culled from the archives of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, including photographs of his Council ring and medals. Also included in the book is the November 1962 homily delivered by Hodges on the event of the death of Archbishop John Swint (Ordinary of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston) as well as Hodges' statements on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Copies of the book will be available by October 11.

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