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# ACDA Newsletter

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## From the President

*by Eric Fair, Archdiocese of St. Louis*

Greetings everyone! I hope you enjoyed your summer! Fall has certainly arrived here in St. Louis and the grounds of the Cardinal Rigali Center are showing their autumn splendor.

We are now a few months removed from our biennial conference at Mundelein and I certainly hope that those of you who attended are still seeing the benefits of the content and comradery we all enjoyed there. Thank you to all of you who filled out surveys following “Camp Mundelein”: the comments and data provided will be quite useful as we begin planning for the next conference. Many thanks as well to our education committee for the hard work they put into the program. Needless to say, planning will begin soon for what will certainly be a great meeting next summer in Austin, Texas.

Speaking of 2019, we will hold our elections next spring with a full slate of officer and board positions available. I encourage anyone willing to serve ACDA to nominate themselves or someone they know. Contact [Ann Boltin](#), Nominating Committee Chair, for more details.

Finally, I want to remind all of you about our grant opportunity for 2019. The Audrey P. Newcomer Continuing Education Scholarship is awarded on the odd years when we do not hold our biennial meeting. The award provides up to \$1,000 to a practicing diocesan archivist to use toward continuing education to enhance their professional training. Be on the lookout for more information on our [website](#) and the listserv in the next few weeks. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2019.

**New Look for our Newsletter!**

**Call for Nominations!**

Nominations are requested for the

You may have noticed that our newsletter has a new format. We've been having some trouble with bouncebacks and spam filters when sending the newsletter out via an email attachment, so at Mundelein over the summer, the Board decided to try a new format. We'd love to hear any feedback (positive or negative), so if you have thoughts about the new look, feel free to email [Kate](#), our newsletter editor!

Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, these officers serve for two years. There are also two (2) at large board member positions to be filled that serve a four year term. Please consider contributing your time and talent to this wonderful association by offering to serve or suggesting names of those whom you think would be great additions to ACDA's leadership.

Please send all nominations and questions to [Ann Boltin](#), Nomination Committee Chair.

## News from the Diocese of Lafayette Archives

*By Candy Brunet, Diocese of Lafayette*

The Diocese of Lafayette Department of Archives recently had a roof leak in our collection storage area. Thankfully, not many items were damaged. We now have a new roof, freshly painted walls, and new shelving. We are still in the process of returning items to their shelves.

We have been invited to participate in our Diocese's Risk Management Workshop, to be held on November 13, 2018. We will be presenting information concerning proper storage, preservation and retention of records. Those in attendance will be representatives from our diocesan church parishes, schools, and institutions. We are looking forward to sharing our knowledge and experience with others.



This year marks the centennial of our diocese. To celebrate, our Archives has been asked to create an historical exhibit to be displayed at the Closing Mass of the Centennial Year, which will be celebrated on December 12, 2018. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary date of the installation Mass of Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard as 1st Bishop of Diocese of Lafayette, when he celebrated the first Mass as Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. We are honored to be able to make historical items of our diocese available for public viewing.

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*By Joan Sweeney, Viatorian Community Archivist*

Archon Day 2018 was held at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, on June 29 with participants from institutions in Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, and Ohio. Next year we hope to enable participation from Archon users outside the Midwest by hosting a virtual meeting. Archon users hail from New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and other states from the West and the South.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future viability of Archon, the availability of alternative tools; their utility for Archon users in particular; and the Archon Users Collaborative future work in 3-5 years. The group formed teams focusing on research, code development, and user community communication. Each team has specific objectives and welcomes new team members.

Ideas that were generated include:

- Explore updating Archon code to work with PHP 7, building off what Calvin College has already completed.
- Hold Archon Day 2019 virtually and work on communication to get others outside of the Midwest actively involved.
- Create a comprehensive directory of Archon users to include international institutions for posting on our website.
- Find partners and look for funding for future development.

For the full meeting report and for more information, visit <http://archonusers.blogspot.com>.

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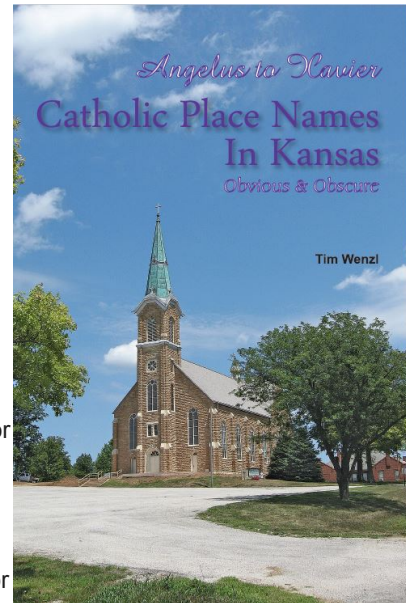
## **In Memoriam: Lori Vodden**

Lori Lee Vodden nee Ubben, 55, beloved wife of Chris; loving mother of Dalton (Monika) and Devon Vodden; devoted daughter of Ruth and the late Arnold Ubben; dear sister of Jewel (Tom) Shervanik and the late Palmer Ubben; fond aunt to Lee and Blythe.

Lori was born on May 1, 1961. Her family moved to Peoria in 1965. She went to school in the area, attending grade school and Limestone High school in Bartonville. She lived in Isreal for a number of years and married and started a family. When the Vodden family returned from Israel in 2000, they purchased a house in Bartonville and lived there until 2010, when they moved to Mt. Prospect. Lori worked for the Diocese of Peoria as archivist beginning in 2000. She became active in ACDA and attended a number of our biennial conferences. After leaving the diocese Lori worked at a number of different jobs. She was diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure. She died on October 17, 2016.

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Tim Wenzl, archivist emeritus of the Diocese of Dodge City, spent the first year of his retirement working on a project that has been calling him for years. The result is the soon to be released book entitled, "Angelus to Xavier, Catholic Place Names in Kansas, Obvious & Obscure." The volume includes more than 300 Kansas communities named for saints, popes, cardinals, bishops, priests, monks and friars, nuns and religious sisters, Spanish explorers, frontiersmen, and ordinary Catholics. Communities originally established as Catholic colonies and Catholic settlements named for the emigrants' former towns and villages are also included. The stories of how and why the communities were named, together with biographical features, provide a unique look at Kansas history. Color photographs of nearly 40 Catholic churches and institutions listed on the National Register of Historic Places are also featured. The book will be released Thanksgiving weekend and will be available at Amazon.com.



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## Audrey P. Newcomer Continuing Education Scholarship

The Audrey P. Newcomer Scholarship is a competitive award that honors the memory of Audrey and her passion and enthusiasm for education and knowledge. The scholarship, awarded by The Association of Catholic Diocesan Archivists (ACDA), provides up to \$1,000 for a practicing archivist to attend a conference, workshop, institute or other continuing education activity to enhance their professional training. This award is offered in the years that ACDA does not host its own conference (Odd years only). The awards committee reserves the right to forgo awarding the scholarship if a suitable candidate is not found.

### *Eligibility:*

Applicant must be a member of ACDA in good standing with at least two years of employment in a Catholic diocesan or religious institution. The applicant must have limited institutional funding for continuing education. Candidates who receive this scholarship may not reapply in subsequent years.

### *Obligations:*

The recipient must use the award for the calendar year in which it is awarded, cover any expenses incurred beyond the amount of the award, and return any unexpended funds to ACDA. The recipient must also write an article for the ACDA newsletter about their training experience and how the funding was used.

Applications will not be considered unless all of the following elements are included:

1. A cover sheet including your name, title, institution, mailing address, phone number, and email address.
2. Current resume or curriculum vitae.
3. Letter (s) of reference, one of which must come from your current employer.
4. A personal letter which describes
  - a. Your educational background, including information on previous professional education opportunities.
  - b. A description of your current job requirements, length of employment, and title.
  - c. Information about the educational program you would like to attend and the dollar amount of assistance required.
  - d. Why you require outside funding.

*Deadline to apply:*

Applications must be postmarked/submitted by **January 31, 2019** and sent to:

Dr. Emilie Leumas, Director of Archives

Audrey P. Newcomer Scholarship Committee

7887 Walmsley Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70125

or

[lleumas@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:lleumas@archdiocese-no.org)

## Listserv Update!

The ACDA board has been exploring new hosting sites for our listserv. Our current listserv, through Yahoo Groups, does not allow members to send attachments to the group, which has been a problem. After seeing the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious successfully transfer their list to Google Groups, ACDA has decided to do the same. If you are already on the listserv, there is nothing that you need to do. If you aren't on the listserv, and would like to be, please let [Kate](#) know. Further updates will follow as we begin to make this transition, including how to send emails to the new list and search the archives.



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