



Open Wide Our Archives: Truth, Transparency, and Access

Cardinal Rigali Center, Archdiocese of St. Louis

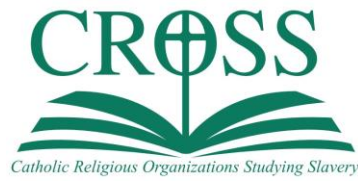
October 30-31, 2023

DAY 1

- 8:00am-9:00am **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00am-9:30am **Welcome and Introduction to Conference**
Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis
- 9:30am-10:00am **Keynote Address**
Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Archbishop of Louisville
- 10:00am-10:15am **Break**
- 10:15am-12:15pm **Session 1: Researching Enslavement within Catholic Institutions**
Speakers:
Reverend David Endres, Academic Dean and Associate Professor, The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West
Emilie Gagnet Leumas, PhD, Consultant
Pre-recorded Descendent Testimonials

Description:
This session will address various sources found within Catholic archives that contain information about enslaved people and communities. Rev. David Endres and Emilie Leumas will discuss their own researching efforts to broaden the narrative on the Catholic Church's participation in slavery. Additionally, the audience will hear pre-recorded testimonials from descendants who have researched their own family histories and how Catholic archives played an essential role in their discoveries.
- 12:15pm-1:30pm **Lunch**
- 1:30pm-1:45pm **Remarks**
Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Chairman, USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Chicago

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1:45pm-3:00pm **Session 2: CROSS Best Practices Manual Overview**

Speakers:

Stephanie A.T. Jacobe, PhD, Director of Archives, Archdiocese of Washington, DC

Thomas Lester, Director Archives and Library, Archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts

Description:

This session introduces the *CROSS: Best Practices Manual*. This manual assists Catholic institutions and their archives in identifying records of enslavement, promoting access to these documents for research, and encouraging engagement and discourse within the institution and its wider community.

3:15pm-4:15pm

St. Vincent de Paul Chapel

Mass

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis
Reverend Patrick McDevitt, CM

6:00pm-7:30pm

*Clifton Ballroom at
Drury Inn& Suites*

Reception

Please join us for appetizers and conversation in the Clifton Ballroom. Cash bar available. Drury Inn & Suites St. Louis Forest Park is located at 2111 Sulphur Ave, St. Louis, MO 63139

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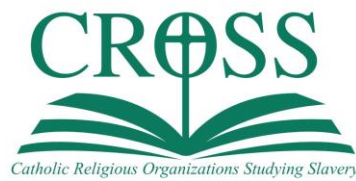


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DAY 2

8:00am-9:00am **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

9:00am-9:30am **Prayer Service**
St. Vincent de Paul Chapel Danielle Harrison, President, Mission, Faith, Equity Consulting, LLC

9:30am-11:30am **Session 3: Reconciling with the Past: Programs on Enslavement within the Church**

Speakers:

Sister Eleanor Craig, SL, Loretto Community Historian
Eric Fair, Director of Archives, Archdiocese of St. Louis
Reverend Tim Kesicki, SJ, Descendants, Truth & Reconciliation Foundation

Description:

This session provides three case studies of Catholic religious communities and dioceses who have initiated and executed an investigation into their involvement with slavery and how they communicated their findings to their communities and the wider public.

11:30pm-12:30pm **Lunch**

12:30pm-2:30pm **Session 4: Outreach and Dialogue with Descendant Communities**

Speakers:

Rashonda Alexander, MBM, City Planning Executive, Descendant of Jack & Sally Queen, Cradle Catholic and Member of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
Rita Hollie, JD, NSW, MAPS; Advisor to Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project
Kelly Schmidt, Reparative Public Historian, WashU & Slavery Project, Washington University in St. Louis; Lead Researcher, Georgetown Visitation History of Enslaved People Project

Description:

This session focuses on ways to foster healing and reconciliation by building partnerships with descendant communities. It will offer insights from an institutional perspective as well as host an open dialogue from descendants of those enslaved by Catholic institutions.

2:30-3:00pm **Closing Remarks with Reflection and Prayer**

Dr. Amelia Blanton-Hibner, Dean of Mission Integration, Visitation Academy of St. Louis