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Previous Experience? (Hardly!)
Contributions of Women Religious

Servite Sister Nurses

Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.

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Contributions of Women Religious

Conclusions from Session 2: What Do We Know?, the address given by Patricia Wittberg, S.C., at the Envisioning the Future of Catholic Religious Archives held at Boston College, July 11-13, 2018.
Who We Are
Origins of Santa Clara University

Sketch of the Santa Clara Mission Church and College of Santa Clara.

Nadia Nasr, ACWR Triennial
Mission Santa Clara Manuscripts

University Records

Cover of the ledger of the prefect of studies, the Jesuit appointed to assist the rector of a school in organizing and supervising the course of studies. The first pages are written in Latin.
Rare Books & Special Collections

“A young woman of the Sandwich Islands” from James Cook’s *Voyage to the Pacific.*
CA Province Archives

Relocated from Los Gatos to Santa Clara University in 2009. Administered by Province Archivist who is also a Jesuit.
What We’ve Been Doing
New Learning Commons

State of the art facilities in a modern 194,000 square foot building that permits the University Library to store all of its special collections in appropriate conditions and co-locate materials in one building.
Automated Storage and Retrieval System

High tech, high capacity storage of library collections in a single building. While the Learning Commons was under construction the bulk of the Library’s collections (including archival & special collections) were stored in the ARS while the old library building was demolished and the Learning Commons was constructed on the same site.
Archival Vault

Located on the lowest level of the building (and only a small portion is underground!) to accommodate the weight of motorized compact shelving, the vault has its own dedicated HVAC system that maintains ideal temperature and humidity conditions for long term preservation.
Norman F. Martin, S.J.
Reading Room

Dedicated space for researchers and classes to engage with archival materials and actively use primary sources.
Classes

Undergraduate students use archival, special, and digital collections in classes led by faculty from departments such as English, Religious Studies, Anthropology, History, and Art and Art History.
A&SC Gallery

Photograph from the exhibit, “To Trace the Course of Wisdom: the Prophetic Spirituality of Sandra M. Schneiders Illuminated by The Saint John’s Bible”. This exhibit features materials from the Schneiders Collection complemented by illuminations from the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible.
Digital Collections

Digital collections provide 24/7 access online to a selection of our most used and useful collections. Scholarly output of the institution, including faculty and university publications as well as students’ theses and dissertations, are housed in our Institutional Repository, known as Scholar Commons.
What We’ve Been Doing With Women Religious
Schneiders Collection

Our founding collection focused on women in religion, especially Women Religious in the West.
Sisters of the Holy Family Archives

Founded in 1872, the Sisters of the Holy Family has advocated for poor and needy families through the development and management of day home and child care services; catechism instruction; and social services programs provided for the underprivileged, minority, and native communities in California, Nevada, and Hawai’i. Like so many Women Religious orders founded in the West during the nineteenth century, the Sisters of the Holy Family played a considerable role in the founding and expansion of the Catholic Church in the United States.
Canonical Hermitess

Beginning in 1983 the Code of Canon Law (specifically, Canon 603) reinstituted eremitical life outside of an institutional congregation for religious who wished to devote their life to God through a stricter withdrawal from the world, the silence of solitude, and assiduous prayer and penance.
What We Hope to Do
Acquire or Collaborate?

This is actually a portion of a page from my personal journal. I write when I’m circling around and around on a topic, grappling with uncertainty without clear direction on the best way forward.
In Good Faith

A report commissioned and published by the American Theological Library Association, in partnership with the Catholic Library Association and the Association of Jewish Libraries. A number of respondents included convents, motherhouses, and congregations of women and men religious.
Joint Archives Management Agreements

The presence of the Province Archives & Archivist were governed by a formal agreement between the Province and Santa Clara University.

ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made this first day of March, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as “Effective Date”) by and between the California Province of the Society of Jesus, a California non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Province”), having its principal office at 300 College Avenue, Los Gatos, California 95030-0519, and the President and Board of Trustees of Santa Clara College, a California non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as “SCU”), having its principal office at 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, California 95053.

WHEREAS, the Province is the owner of a collection of valuable and irreplaceable manuscripts, correspondence, records, photographs, audiovisual materials, books and other items which are considered the Province’s “Historical Archives” (hereinafter referred to as “Province Archives” - Province Archives includes materials which over time will be added to the Province’s Historical Archives) as defined in “Practical Proposals Regarding Archives of Provinces, Houses and Apostolic Works” sent to all Major Superiors by Superior General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J. on October 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Province desires and agrees that the Province Archives be housed at SCU in order to protect and to preserve the Province Archives and to make the Province Archives accessible to scholars in an academic setting; and

WHEREAS, SCU desires to cooperate with the Province and assist the Province in its desires subject to the terms and conditions hereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises of each of the parties, they agree as follows:

1. Term and Termination - The term of this Agreement shall be three (3) years commencing on the Effective Date. This Agreement shall automatically renew for additional three year terms so long as it has not been terminated as provided for herein.
Establish a Collaborative Digitization Program

The Catholic Portal, part of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance, provides online access to the unique materials of its members. Could Santa Clara University form a consortium or partnership with local congregations and help digitize, describe, and mount collections on The Catholic Portal?
American Theatre Archive Project (ATAP)

The American Theatre Archive Project provides archival consulting and financial support to assist local theatre companies across the United States with preserving and making accessible records of theatrical process and product.
One Search to Rule Them All

The Online Archive of California hosted by the University of California System, provides a single search interface for discovering archival collection information held by contributing institutions. They also do this for digitized content submitted from existing digital collections of its partners.
What Will It Take?
Money, Time, Faith
Thank you.

What questions can I answer?
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