MESSAGE FROM PETER BALTUTIS, PRESIDENT CANADIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

It is an honour to be elected President of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association (CCHA)! I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you during my years of service on the CCHA Executive Board, serving as Member-at-Large (2012-2014) and as Vice-President (2014-2016). If we have not had the chance to meet, here is my brief biography. While born in the Greater Toronto Area, I was raised on Long Island, NY. I earned a B.A. (Honours) in history from the University of Richmond (in Virginia) and – returning to Canada – a M.A. in modern European history from the University of Toronto. My studies focused on nationalism and state formation in Central and Eastern Europe during the twentieth century. Interested in the role of religion as an agent of social change, I earned a second M.A. in Catholic theology from the University of St. Michael’s College, the Catholic Graduate Faculty of Theology in the University of Toronto. Combining my overlapping interests in secular history and Catholic theology, I earned a Ph.D. in the history of Christianity from the University of St. Michael’s College. My dissertation was the first historical and theological examination of Development and Peace, the official international development agency of the Canadian Catholic Church. This research broke new ground by studying the impact of Vatican II on Catholic social teaching in Canada, as well as exploring the little-understood role that religious actors play in the development of the Global South. Currently, I am an Assistant Professor of History and Catholic Studies at St. Mary’s University in Calgary.

As President of the CCHA, my priorities are two-fold: (1) to attract a broader array of scholars, archivists, and teachers of Canadian Catholicism into our association. Our understanding of the history of the Catholic Church in Canada can only be enriched by the work of scholars in other disciplines (theology, philosophy, literature, art, education, sociology, First Nations studies, etc.) who are researching similar themes. (2) To reach out to younger scholars and welcome them, and their research, into our association. I first joined the CCHA in 2007 as a young doctoral student. At the time I was impressed by the warm hospitality and collegial atmosphere of the CCHA members who kindly welcomed me into the association. We must continue to support the fine work of graduate students and provide a home for them to present their cutting-edge research.

If anyone has any ideas for how to improve our dynamic organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at: peter.baltutis@stmu.ca.

AWARD RECIPIENTS
THE G.E. CLERK AWARD PRESENTED TO EDWARD MACDONALD FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADIAN CATHOLIC HISTORY

In presenting the G.E. Clerk Award to Edward MacDonald on May 31, 2016, President Robert Dennis noted that this award is the highest honour bestowed by the Canadian Catholic Historical Association (CCHA). The CCHA is delighted to celebrate and honour its 2016 recipient, Dr. Edward MacDonald, Associate Professor at the University of Prince Edward Island. The G. E. Clerk Award is given biennially to recognize “the broad commitment and contributions of the nominee to the field of Canadian Catholic history (scholarly/educational/archival) and to the administration and mission of the CCHA/SCHEC.” Throughout Dr. Ed MacDonald’s distinguished career, he has published and presented on the history of Catholicism and Catholic education on Prince Edward Island and served the CCHA executive with great dedication as secretary, vice-president, president, and president-general. In 2015, he was elected as associate editor of the CCHA’s peer-reviewed journal, Historical Studies.
THE PAUL BATOR MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR THE BEST ARTICLE IN CCHA HISTORICAL STUDIES VOLUMES 80 AND 81, 2014 – 2015, AWARDED TO KEVIN ANDERSON

On May 31, 2016, President-General Edward MacDonald announced that the Paul Bator Memorial Prize for the Best Article in CCHA Historical Studies is awarded to Kevin Anderson for his “I am the very essence of a Protestant”: Arthur Lower, Anti-Catholicism and Liberal Nationalism, 1939—1959.” MacDonald's citation for the award to Anderson reads: "I am . . . the very essence of a Protestant" is a subtle and searching exploration of the "genteel" anti-Catholicism inherent in the world view of Arthur Lower, one of Canada’s most influential historians during the middle decades of the twentieth century. Anderson finds that Lower’s grudging tolerance of Catholicism in the service of national unity masked "a fundamental tension within his liberalism between tolerating dissension and rejecting the perceived authoritarianism" of the Catholic Church as an institution. His essay has been cited as an outstanding contribution to both intellectual history and Canadian Catholic history.

Previous Recipients of the Paul Bator Award
• 2013 - Michael Wilcox
• 2011- Peter Meehan
• 2009 – David Webster
• 2007 – Myrslaw Tataryn
• 2005 – Mark McGowan
• 2003 – Mark McGowan

NOTICE OF CCHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, RYERSON UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, MAY 31 AND JUNE 1, 2017

Program committee members, Peter Baltutis, Robert Dennis and Peter Ludlow have been busy working with local coordinators Edward Jackman, Valerie Burke and MC Havey. The theme for this year's conference is “From Far and Wide” as put forth by the Congress for Humanities and Social Sciences. Call for papers for the CCHA Annual Conference 2017 is on the website and has been included in the mailer envelope with this Bulletin. The Congress website is available at congress2017.ca.

Please watch www.cchahistory.ca website for continuous updates on our annual event. We hope you will make every effort to join us. If you wish further information, please feel free to contact Valerie Burke, Administrator for the CCHA at valerieburke@cchahistory.ca or call her at 705-795-9754 (cell).

REPORT ON THE CCHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CALGARY June 1-2, 2016

The 83rd annual conference of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association opened at the University of Calgary on June 1, 2016, with a keynote address by J.R. Miller, “Canada Confronts Its History: Residential Schools and Reconciliation.” He surveyed the challenges and complexities of the topic. He pointed out the need for comprehensive research on the staff of residential schools. Professor Miller's presentation, co-sponsored by the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, the Canadian Historical Association and the Canadian Society of Church History, was followed by lively and informative discussion.

The CCHA would like to express appreciation to the Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Social Sciences and Humanities for funding for Professor J.R. Miller's keynote address.


In the afternoon session on Vatican II and Catholic women religious, Heidi MacDonald spoke on women religious and the Canadian Religious Conference since the 1960s. Rosa Brun-Jofré traced the journey

At 5:00 p.m. members of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association gathered for the Annual Liturgy for Deceased Members in the Prayer Room of the MacEwan Student Centre. In his homily, the principal celebrant, Reverend Brian Hubka, noted the saint of the day, St. Justin was the patron saint of Vital Justin Grandin, O.M.I., first Bishop of what is now Calgary. He further reflected on Bishop McNally, a later Bishop of Calgary and of Halifax, thus giving a nation-wide perspective.

At the reception before the conference banquet, Canadian Historical Association President Robert Dennis presented the G.E. Clerk Award to President General Edward MacDonald of the University of Prince Edward Island. Robert Dennis also announced that Kevin Anderson had been selected as the winner of the Paul Bator award for the best article in Historical Studies Volumes 80 and 81.

To end the conference banquet, Helen Kominek of St. Mary’s University, Calgary recalled the early Catholic history of the region in her talk on the life and legacy of Father Albert Lacombe, O.M.I. St. Mary’s University is located on the site of his retirement home.

The Thursday June 2, 2016 sessions began with further exploration of western regional history. Three scholars spoke on Louis Riel, the Metis and Catholicism. Max Hamon gave insights on Riel and the ultramontane Catholic network. Matthew McRae spoke on “The Many Lives of Louis Riel: Social Memory and the Events of 1869-70 and 1885.” Amanda Fehr drew on interviews at Ile à la Crosse in her presentation, “‘My Mom tends to tell it the Catholic way – I’d tell it my way, the right way’: Local Histories of the 1885 Resistance.”

Discussion of western themes continued with the CCHA round table on “Humble Green Men: Essential Recovery, Ecospirituality and Energizing Communities from St. Peter’s Abbey in Muenster, Saskatchewan. Presenters included Dennis Patrick O’Hara of University of St. Michael’s College, Brigid Ward, Caitlin Ward and Chris Hrynknow of St. Thomas More College.

In the afternoon of June 2, 2016 the conference focus shifted to “Irish and Other Catholics in Canada”. Terry Murphy discussed “Emancipation versus Equity” for Halifax Catholics, 1830—1865; and Mark McGowan, the Irish Catholic migrants on the Niagara frontier from 1847 to 1851. Clara Joseph spoke “On the Episcopal Ordination of Mar Kalluvelil: the History of Some ‘Other’ Catholics of Canada,” surveying the immigration of Syro-Malabar Christians from India and the evolution of their community in Mississauga since the 1960s.


The 2016 CCHA conference program committee: Robert Dennis, Edward MacDonald and Peter Baltutis, and the local coordinators, Peter Baltutis and Valerie Burke, deserve applause for the program and arrangements in Calgary.
Louis Riel Panel – Max Hamon, Matthew McRae and Amanda Fehr

Rev. Hubka and Peter Meehan between sessions

Executive Collegues - Peter Ludlow, Robert Dennis and Peter Baltutis

New Member Frank Abbott and Membership Director, Valerie Burke

Book Review Editor Fred McEvoy

Rev. Ed Jackman and Helen Kominek

Women Religious Panel – Christine Lei, Elizabeth Smyth, Rosa Bruno-Jofré and Heidi MadDonald
IN MEMORIAM:
Madame Marie-Paule LaBrèque

A translation from the French of an article in the January 2016 issue of the Bulletin of the Société Canadienne de l’histoire de l’Église Catholique – by Rev. Edward J R Jackman, Secretary-General, Canadian Catholic Historical Association (1978-present)

Years ago (around 1980) I had the pleasure of meeting and working with Madame LaBrèque. Our terms on the executive of the CCHA overlapped; she with the French Sector, I with the English. She was kind enough to attend some of our annual meetings, a favour which I have since tried to reciprocate occasionally.

It was a pleasure to work with her. One knew that one was in the presence not only of a real historian, but of a devoted Christian lady. It is thus with great pleasure that I translate her obituary written by my colleague and friend, Prof. Guy Laperrìere. To me, Madame LaBrèque stands out as a model of what a member of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association can and should be; a devoted historian and Catholic.

IN MEMORIAM:
Madame Marie-Paule LaBrèque 1920 - 2016

Madame Marie-Paule LaBrèque died the second of January, 2016 at Acton Vale (a little east of St. Hyacinthe, Québec) surrounded by her family, at the age of 95 years, after five years of a long sickness. She had been vice-president (1977-1979), then President (1979-1981) of SCHEC, (Société Canadienne de l’histoire de l’Église Catholique, the Canadian Catholic Historical Association counterpart) and finally, in 1982 Président-Général, as is the custom in our society.

To retrace her life is to pass a half century, indeed three quarters of a century in the evolution of women in the history of Québec society. Marie-Paule Rajotte was born in Drumondville in 1920. She did her classical course of studies with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, first at Drumondville, then at St. Maurice College in St.-Hyacinthe where in 1939 she formed part of the first group of female students to obtain a B.A. degree.

Her family was very involved in local affairs. Her father was the liberal member for Drummond from 1935-1936 and 1938-1942.

She married in 1942 the engineer, Roger J. LaBrèque, an executive in Acton Vale where she would live for much of the rest of her life. They had five sons between 1943 and 1949. Her husband was also a Liberal and was Mayor of Acton Vale from 1948-1962 and from 1974-1986.

Between these two mandates the family moved to Québec City where her husband became deputy-minister of the Department of Highways.

Meanwhile, Madame LaBrèque used the time to pursue studies in history at the University of Laval. She obtained her BA (1964) and MA (1966) degrees there and then taught history there from 1966-1971. In 1970 she completed her Master in Medieval Studies with her thesis on Father Ephraim Longpré, OFM, a Canadian Medievalist.

It was then that she joined our Société Canadienne de l’histoire de l’Église Catholique in presenting at our congress at Laval University in 1971, a year which marked the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Seminary for Foreign Missions, (Pont Viau), a paper on the “First Canadian attempts to establish a French-speaking Seminary for foreign missionaries.” She was then also elected a member of the council of the Society.

At the Congress in Sherbrooke in 1974 she presented a paper that was dear to her heart: “The Churches in the Eastern Townships, 1800-1860”, where she emphasized the tensions between Catholics and Protestants.

Very faithful in her attendance at the meetings of the council she became vice-president, then president in the years around 1980.

The Director of the DCB, Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Jean Hamelin, then engaged her to write a series of biographies of Loyalist Pioneers from the Eastern Townships, from Gilbert and Hyatt to Ralph Merry, from Jesse Pennoyer to Samuel Willard – without

Photo courtesy of the Family of Madame LeBrèque
forfeitures the famous Founder of Drummondville, Frederick George Heriot. In total she produced some twenty biographies for the DCB.

Her last biography, published in Volume XV in 2005 retraces the life of Mother Saint-David, of Saint-Hyacinthe, Superior of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary for whom Madame LaBrèque always had a tender affection. These biographies are without a doubt her most important academic contribution.

But more than an academic historian Madame LaBrèque was before all else an animator and a propagandist for history and heritage. Upon her return to Acton Vale she was particularly active on two fronts. Firstly, she contributed to the establishment of a municipal library which became a reality in 1980. Secondly, in 1977 she founded an historical society for the six townships of Grantham, Wickam, Durham, Upton, Acton and Roxton. In 2004 this Society took the name of the historical society of the Region of Acton. The Bulletin of this Society began publishing in 1995 and Madame LaBrèque wrote for it frequently.

Likewise, the local patrimony called upon her. The old abandoned Grand Trunk railway station awakened her interest. She saw to its restoration in 1979 with a society to care for it. Finally, the local municipality bought it in 1983 and turned it into a tourist bureau.

She gave numerous conferences and talks to encourage the love of history and the local heritage. She wrote variously in le Courier de Saint-Hyacinthe, les Cahiers Nicolétains, Cap-aux-Diamants, The Journal of Eastern Townships Studies (in English and French). So much activity leaves us exhausted especially as she had become a grand-mother with nine grand-children!

In summary, Madame LaBrèque was a woman of action and also a woman who was a team-player. She knew how to do, to make and to practise history. Her years of teaching at Laval University had definitely placed her on the side of academic rigour. But, at the same time, she knew how to make history loveable, attractive and lively. Her rich personality created good humour wherever she was to be found. I have written to several former members of the Society and the word which they most often used to describe her is: chaleureuse (warm, warm-hearted).

Yes, Madame LaBrèque made a mark upon her epoch: graduate, mother of a family, a return to studies, teaching, writing, diffusion of history, woman of action, always with a new project in her head she leaves an important memorial to her region and to the Province of Québec. We will not forget her. May she rest in peace and happiness.

Guy Laperrière, Professor of History at Sherbrooke University and long-time member of the Société Canadienne de l’histoire de l’Église Catholique (SCHEC)
basement. In spite of wartime restraints, the church was competed by August 1915 with decorative touches added throughout the following decades.

Nominated for the 2016 Toronto Heritage Book Award, this social history fulfills a double purpose, tracing the growth of St. Clare’s parish as well as the development of the city. From a predominately Irish parish, the faces in the parish changed with the influx of Italian immigration after the Second World War and with the more recent arrivals from Portugal and Latin America. As part of the parish’s centennial celebrations, the history became a community project involving more than 100 persons, who provided photographs, memorabilia and recollections. Graphic artist Sandra Bertoia designed a stunning layout of the material, including the more than 100 images of the church’s architectural details and artifacts by photographer Vince Mammoliti. Interspersed among the pages are the historical records from parishioners and seven archives, including the City of Toronto, Archdiocese of Toronto and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto. Attractive and uncluttered, the pages document the parish’s decades through the religious culture, celebrations, school activities and parish organizations. Under editors Christine Hogan and Ruth Hanley, the clear, deft writing style is illustrated by the photographs, all of which are identified. Through a balanced mix of primary and secondary sources, the first three sections are filled with details, personal recollections, pastor biographies and historical context, derived from meticulous research and interviews with past and present parishioners. The fourth section outlines the centennial celebrations. For social historians, this publication provides an examination of the stages of a Toronto parish and the city’s development through a century.

Copies at a cost of $50 can be ordered from stclarespublishing.com and stclarespublishing@gmail.ca.

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**CANADIAN CATHOLIC STUDIES: STUDENT EXPERIENCES**

“Through the Eyes of our Students: The Sisters of St. Ann”

by Alexandra Giinsbockel, student

To inspire and instruct future primary and secondary school teachers within the Vancouver Archdiocese, St. Mark’s College, located on the vast University of British Columbia campus, began offering a new program in the fall of 2015. With specializations in English, History, and Religious Studies, St. Mark’s sent five cohort members to the Archives and Academy of the Sisters of St. Ann. Located in Victoria, BC, the intention of this visit was to broaden the students’ knowledge of a facet of Canadian history, while educating them on an Order that was instrumental in the inception of Canadian Catholic Education. One cohort member, Patricia Berlanga, states that “the Victoria trip was a learning experience and a true blessing. It was interesting to see the difference between what history says was done, and what the actual practices were... it really highlighted the amazing work that the sisters did, and continued to do.” Douglas Pham, another student in this program, states that “after seeing the evidence of [the Sisters] vigilance in teaching... I experienced a great sense of initiative.” Commenting on the arrival of the Sisters in British Columbia in 1858, Pham notes that “they came to Victoria with a sense of purpose and motive: they were there to teach. To them, it did not matter that their original schoolhouse was the size of a living room. With diligence and focus, the Sisters began gathering students the moment they arrived and promptly began classes in Victoria the very next day.” Pham and Berlanga agree that the legacy of the Sisters of St. Ann is their diligence.

Sisters of St. Ann teaching Canada’s future educators

Artists as well as teachers, the Sisters of St. Ann emphasized a holistic education. Jorie Roldan, one more pioneer of the St. Mark’s College BA program, states that though the Sisters taught curriculum traditionally expected, they additionally interspersed “art and music into their curriculum. Beauty seemed to be an enterprise for them. Personally, I was struck by one painting that depicted a little girl making a house of cards, not only because of the size of the piece (perhaps about ten feet tall), but also because of the amount of detail in the colour of the composition.” This beauty was revealed to the five cohort members by Carey Pallister, the Archivist for the Sisters of St. Ann. Painstakingly providing artifacts revealing the laborious attention of the Sisters to detail, such as their records of daily lessons, Pallister additionally led the cohort members in a tour of their original lodgings. Valerie Sin, another third year student in this program, was struck by this “little schoolhouse outside the Archive building. Wooden desks with lids, chairs facing the teacher, the [hardcover] books and the slates... the whole classroom was like a picturesque replica of the schoolhouse in Anne of Green Gables!” Enlightened by the “several glass displays of the Sisters of St. Ann habits, reading material, and clothing of the students,” Sin notes that the size of the schoolhouse was barely big enough to...
teach, let alone sleep, live, and pray. Agreeing with Sin, Roldan notes that the Sisters were irrefutably dedicated to their mission: “the Sisters understood the intellectual potential of the human person. They drew their students outside of their internal selves. They did this through their love of education.” Cumulatively, visiting the Archives and schoolhouse of the Sisters of St. Ann provided these future Catholic educators with both a knowledge of this Order’s history, and an experience of the mission these women began over a century ago.... a mission that continues in spirit today.

COAST TO COAST

compiled by Jacqueline Gresko and Veronica Stienburg

The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception Archives, Saint John, New Brunswick has moved permanently into the Diocese of Saint John's Diocesan Centre.

Peter Ludlow, CCHA Vice-President, coordinates a Twitter account for the CCHA. You can find a direct Twitter feed on our website cchahistory.ca. If you wish to TWEET the CCHA please do so by using @cchahistory.

Ed MacDonald is in the second year of a three-year term as Chair of the Department of History at the University of Prince Edward Island. Ed celebrated another achievement July 13, 2016, with the launch of Time and Place: An Environmental History of Prince Edward Island. This McGill-Queen’s University Press volume, which he edited with Joshua MacFayden and Irené Novaczek, is Canada’s first province-based environmental history.

On May 16, 2016 the Mayor of Montreal announced that the city intends to acquire the Mother House property of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. Quebec religious communities are discussing using that property as a communal repository for their archives.

ActiveHistory.ca June 6, 2016 featured an article by Thomas Peace, “Shuttering Archives: a UNESCO Recognized Collection to Close Its Doors to the Public.” He alerted historians to the closing of research services at Quebec’s Museum of Civilization owing to budgetary considerations. Peace lamented the loss of access to the records such as those of the Seminary of Quebec.

Terence Fay SJ reports that he is preparing a publication on Canadian Catholic Spirituality over Four Hundred Years. This project is a refinement of his A History of Canadian Catholics, featuring the new theme of the growth of Canadian spirituality over the centuries.

M.C. Havey, archivist of the Sisters of Service and the Edmonton-Toronto Redemptorists, was elected as chair of the Catholic Archivist Group at the annual conference in May 2016. MC served as secretary of the CCHA executive from 2012-2016.

Marc Lerman, Director of Archives and Privacy Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, has retired. Marc has served the Archdiocese and the archival community for over 30 years. His last day was October 14, 2016. We wish him well in his retirement!

Fr. James Mason, C.Ss.R. was the first Canadian Redemptorist to receive the Seelos history award from the Institute of Redemptorist Historical Studies in recognition of “his outstanding contribution to historical research and writing.” The award was presented at the North American Redemptorist history conference in September at Sainte-Anne-de Beaupré. CCHA members congratulate Father Mason on receiving the Seelos award.

The University of Toronto has awarded Professor Elizabeth Smyth a 2016 Vivek Goel Faculty Citizenship Award for her extraordinary record of service. The University of Toronto Alumni website reports that since becoming a faculty member at OISE in 1989 Professor Smyth has contributed not only as an “outstanding scholar and historian,” but also as an administrator and committee member. She currently serves as Vice-Dean, Programs at the School of Graduate Studies. Her current SSHRC funded research includes as principal investigator Leading Sisters, Changing Times: Women Religious in English Canada in the Post Vatican II World.

Elizabeth Smyth served the CCHA as President and President-General. She was the recipient of the G.E. Clerk Award in 2010. On the international level, she chaired the program committee for the Tenth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious at the University of Santa Clara, California, in June 2016.

CCHA members extend congratulations to Elizabeth Smyth as a recipient of the 2016 Vivek Goel award.
The Archives committee of the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada, which includes three separate congregations: Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, organized an exhibit at the Ontario Legislative Assembly to recognize those women religious who dedicated their lives to serve those most in need. The exhibit was entitled “Women Who Care – Sisters of St. Joseph and Health Care in Ontario” and was on display from March to July 2016.

Sr. Mary Sheridan, Archivist for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie has retired. Sr. Mary began working in the archives in the 1980s and was appointed archivist in 1989. We wish Sister Mary Sheridan well on her retirement.

Rankin Sherling’s The Invisible Irish: Finding Protestants in the Nineteenth-Century Migration to America has been published in the McGill-Queen’s Studies in the History of Religion Series. Rankin Sherling also contributed “Ulster Presbyterians, the Great Famine and the Historiography of Early Irish America,” to Between Dispersion and Belonging: Global Approaches to Diaspora in Practice, edited by Amitava Chowdhury and Donald Harmon Akenson (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2016).

On the feast of St. Michael September 29, 2016, St. Michael’s Cathedral, Toronto re-opened after six years of restoration. CCHA members look forward to visiting the Cathedral and hearing about the restoration during the May 31 and June 1, 2017 conference.

The CCHA Executive Meeting in Toronto November 18, 2016, discussed plans for the conference and welcomed new executive members, Rankin Sherling as Secretary, and Veronica Stienburg as Member-at-Large.

Yvette Gareau, Archivist for the Diocese of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, retired this summer. She served as archivist since 2004 and was instrumental in creating a parish pictorial for the diocese, bringing certain properties and landmark listings up-to-date and cataloguing all her findings. We wish Yvette Gareau well on her retirement.

Indre Cuplinkas published “Coming to Terms with Holocaust and Homeland,” in the Catholic Register August 7, 2016. The article gave her reflections on her experiences as a Canadian Catholic historian living in Lithuania during a sabbatical from St. Joseph’s College at the University of Alberta.

Rev. Edward Jackman OP, CCHA Secretary General, visited St. Mark’s College in Vancouver in October for the Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrating the beginning of the academic year. Father Jackman and St. Mark’s Principal, Peter Meehan, also toured the Dominican Sisters’ Queen of Peace Monastery in Squamish B.C. In 1999 the Sisters began their foundation in Surrey, British Columbia, moving to the mountain setting near Squamish to begin the monastery in 2012.

The beautiful view from the Queen of Peace Monastery will be featured on the front cover of Living with Christ, February edition.


The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson website, Nelsondoce.org, now hosts several historical articles by Ron Welwood, former diocesan archivist. CCHA members may be interested in Welwood’s biographies of pioneer Catholics: Rev. John A. Althoff [a graduate of the American Seminary at Louvain], Rev. Nicolas Coccola, OMI [noted missionary], Msgr. Kenneth McIntyre [a graduate of St. Francis-Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S.], and Rev. Pat Freney [author and journalist], and layman J.O. Patenaude.

The Sisters of St. Ann completed their mission at Little Flower Academy, Vancouver, B.C. in summer 2016. The “final act of passing assets and responsibilities from the Sisters of St. Ann to the charitable Jane Rowan Society, which operates Little Flower Academy, was completed when canonical sponsorship for Little Flower Academy was transferred from the Sisters of St. Ann to the newly formed canonical organization, known as the Sisters of Saint Ann, Little Flower Academy Stewardship (LFA Stewardship).” This transfer coincides with the 90th anniversary of the school. During the celebrations September 8, 2016, Sister Marie Zarowny, SSA, announced that the Sisters have forgiven the debt owed by the school and established an endowment to assist the LFA Stewardship and the Jane Rowan Society.

The Sisters of St. Ann Archives in Victoria, B.C. has a Facebook page. Carey Pallister, the Archivist for the Sisters of St. Ann, regularly posts fascinating historical photos and documents as well as what going in the archives.

In November 2016 Carey Pallister also hosted the second annual St. Mark’s College, Vancouver, BA program for teachers field trip to the Sisters of St. Ann Archives, the Sisters’ 1858 schoolhouse, and their historic Victoria academy. A special feature at the archives this year was that Sara Juneau, the museum technician, explained her work accessioning material received from the motherhouse museum at Lachine.

The Tenth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious at the University of Santa Clara, California from June 26 to 29, 2016 brought over 100 historians, educators and archivists from around the world to hear presentations on the theme “Whither Women Religious: Analyzing the Past, Studying the Present, Imagining the Future.” Elizabeth Smyth of the University of Toronto did great work as chair of the program committee. Eight Canadians did presentations.

The CCHA Historical Studies Vol. 82 was published in November. Congratulations to members for their articles, particularly Frederick J. McEvoy for “A Relic of religious barbarism: the controversy over the Royal Declaration against Transubstantiation,” and Christine Lei for the Research Note: The Pathography of a Catholic Polio in Nineteenth-Century Quebec: The Soul of My Sister.”

Saint Paul University’s Research Chair for Religious History of Canada, Father Pierre Hurtubise, OMI, celebrated the November 3, 2016 launch of Saint Paul University online portal to the inventories of Vatican documents concerning Canada from 1622 to 1922. These inventories have been available in hard copy or microfiche and some on the LAC website. Now The Vatican Archives and Canada project can be accessed through the Saint Paul University website uspaul.ca/RCRHC. The site has interesting backgounders on the research projects supporting the inventories, the project contributors and the new insights available. The contributors included Luca Codignola, Pierre Hurtubise, Roberto Perin, Matteo Sanfillippo.

The American Catholic Studies Newsletter Vol. 43 No. 2, Fall 2016 from the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism has a very interesting article for historians who would like to follow up checking the Canadian inventories with research in Rome, Luca Codignola’s “Perils and Surprises on the Way to Rome: Should Americans Flock to the Vatican Archives?” (pp. 8-12). Codignola introduces his subject with questions: “Where do you start? How do you find the material you’re looking for, or even know whether it exists?” He follows up with discussion of the Guide to Roman Sources for the History of American Catholicism, 1763-1939, and a “Case Study: Conducting Roman Research on Elizabeth Ann Seton.” The American Catholic Studies Newsletter is available online at cushwa.nd.edu/publications/american-catholic-studies-newsletter. Online subscriptions are free.

There are two more reasons to follow the link above to The American Catholic Studies Newsletter Vol. 43 No. 2, Fall 2016 from the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. First, pages 14 to 21 give a report on the History of Women Religious including the Tenth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious at the University of Santa Clara, California, in June 2016. Second, pages 22 and 23 give a preview of the Too Small a World Conference: Catholic Sisters as Global Missionaries, an International Symposium, April 6-8, 2017, University of Notre Dame. Presenters will include Catherine Foisy, Elizabeth Smyth, and Rosa Bruno-Jofré.

Please refer to our CCHA website for the following upcoming conferences:

Too Small a World: Catholic Sisters as Global Missionaries, an International Symposium, April 6-8, 2017, University of Notre Dame. Registration and Program Details available at cushwa.nd.edu/events.

FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK

I would like to thank Valerie Burke, Father Edward Jackman and Fred McEvoy for assistance with production of the CCHA Bulletin. Thanks are also due those who have sent contributions, particularly to MC Havey for a Book Note and to Veronica Stienburg for archives news.

In the interest of promoting dialogue about Canadian Catholic History there are features we could add to the Bulletin. Let me know if you would like to contribute a short essay, on one of the following: a comment on developments in Catholic archives; a review of a digitization project, a review of an historical blog, or a report on experience teaching Canadian Catholic Studies, e.g. through field studies. This issue begins the latter project with an article on St. Mark’s College, Vancouver student field trip to the Sisters of St. Ann Archives and historic sites in Victoria, B.C.

Please send me information on your research interests, publications, comments, news and events and photographs of the latter. Your suggestions are welcome.

March 1 and October 1 are the deadlines for submission.

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