I would like to thank everyone who attended the CCHA's 2017 Annual Conference at Ryerson University! We had a fantastic diversity of speakers (highlighted by our keynote address by John T. McGreevey from the University of Notre Dame), a wonderful evening of fellowship during our Reception and Dinner Celebration, and we had two very successful book launches (Conscience of a Nation, Volume 3 in the Jesuit History Series published by Novalis and Jubilee: 50 Years of Solidarity, celebrating the history of Development and Peace, also published by Novalis). It was wonderful to hear thought-provoking presentations by many of our long-standing members, as well as to welcome innovative scholarship from numerous first-time presenters. I would like to thank our Local Coordinators, Edward Jackman, Valerie Burke, and MC Havey, for organizing an outstanding conference! Also, I would like to express my gratitude to Robert Dennis and Peter Ludlow, for assisting me on the Program Committee. I look forward to next year's Annual Conference that will be held Wednesday, May 30 to Thursday, May 31, 2018 at the University of Regina!

I would also like to briefly pay tribute to William F. Ryan, SJ, who died on September 8, 2017 at the Jesuit residence in Pickering, Ontario. Father Bill Ryan was a Jesuit priest, a Harvard-trained economist, and one of the leading influences on the post-Vatican II church in Canada. After 19 years of Jesuit formation, Bill joined the staff of the Canadian Catholic bishops’ new Social Affairs office. In this position, Bill authored many of the bishops' statements that applied Catholic Social Teaching to a Canadian context. Internationally respected, Bill attended the 1971 World Synod of Catholic Bishops as a peritus (adviser) and helped author the Synod’s landmark statement “Justice in the World.” That same year, Bill was asked by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant and Fr. Pedro Arrupe, superior-general of the Society of Jesus, to set up the Center for Concern in Washington D.C. to be a voice for global justice. In 1974-1975, Bill represented the Canadian Jesuits at the 32nd General Congregation of the Jesuits that oriented the order to promoting a faith that does justice. He later served as Provincial Superior for the Jesuits in English Canada before returning to the bishop’s conference (CCCB) as General Secretary. His accomplishments are too many to relate in a short article. For more information, I highly recommend his biography, Faith and Freedom: the Life and Times of Fr. Bill Ryan by Bob Chodos and Jamie Swift (Novalis, 2002). Since 2007 Fr. Ryan’s main work has been accomplished through the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, where he served as a Special Advisor until his death. The Forum has been doing wonderful work on animating the recent statements of Pope Francis, including the Pope’s social and ecological concerns expressed in Laudato Si. Requiescat in pace.

NOTICE OF CCHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF REGINA, May 30 and 31, 2018

Program committee members, Peter Baltutis, Peter Ludlow and Robert Dennis are working with local coordinators Dr. John Meehan, President of Campion College, the University of Regina and Margaret Sanche. The theme for this year's conference is “Gathering Diversities” as put forth by the Congress for Humanities and Social Sciences. See the Congress website for further information on the overall congress, registration and travel at www.congress2018.ca.

The Call for papers for the CCHA Annual Conference 2018 is on the website and has been included in the mailer envelope with this Bulletin.

Please watch www.cchahistory.ca website for updates on the CCHA 2018 conference. Under the conference tab there will be a detailed conference overview. We hope you will make every effort to join us. If you wish to call or email regarding any further information, please feel free to contact Valerie Burke, Administrator for the CCHA, by email valerieburke@cchahistory.ca or text or call her at 705-795-9754 (cell).
On May 30, 2017, the day before the 84th annual conference of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association began in Toronto, members were treated to two special events.

In the afternoon Father Edward Jackman led members on a tour of the newly renovated St. Michael’s Cathedral. Members of the CCHA thank Father Edward Jackman and Father Terence Fay for arrangements for the tour in the year of the 175th anniversary of the cathedral.

Later on the afternoon of May 30, McGill-Queen’s University Press hosted a lecture and reception to honour the historical series, McGill-Queen’s Studies in the History of Religion, and especially the support and counsel to the series provided by Father Edward Jackman and the Jackman Foundation. Professor Richard English of Queen’s University, Belfast, lectured on “God and Terror: an Unholy History?” in the Chapel Auditorium of Victoria College of the University of Toronto. Members of the CCHA thank McGill Queen’s University Press for the invitation to both events.

The 84th annual conference of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association opened at Ryerson University on May 31, 2017 with a keynote address by Professor John T. McGreevy, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame, on “American Jesuits and the World: How an Embattled Religious Order Made Modern Catholicism.” Professor McGreevy introduced the Jesuits’ experience in the United States in the mid-nineteenth century and then told a story about how an anti-Catholic mob tarred and feathered John Bapst SJ in Ellsworth, Maine, in 1854. McGreevy set the incident in context and then OUTLINED its wider implications. Then he and the audience discussed Canadian, European and American Jesuit history.

Professor McGreevy’s keynote address was a joint session with the Canadian Historical Association and the Canadian Society of Church History.

The CCHA expresses its appreciation to the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences’ International Keynote Speaker Support Fund for financial support for this session.

Next on the program came two sessions, one on nineteenth-century and one on twentieth century Catholic history. The first, “Nineteenth-Century Catholics Fighting for a Place in British North America,” began with Laura J. Smith’s “Hoganism in York? Reconsidering the O’Grady schism in the lay occupation of St. Paul’s 1832-1833.” She challenged previous interpretations, arguing that the schism was less about the influence of the charismatic Rev. William J. O’Grady, but instead was a referendum by the lay people of St. Paul’s on the state of the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Canada and the leadership of Bishop Alexander Macdonell. Paul Reale used statistical data to explore the link between the role of the state and the role of the people of Ontario in forging a consensus in the making of a universal system of elementary education. Mark G. McGowan’s, “Uncomfortable Pews, Canada’s Catholics and the Making of Confederation, 1864-1867,” presented a new paradigm for understanding the role of Catholic bishops in Britain’s North American colonies, specifically addressing their perceived silence on the proposed Confederation.
The session entitled “Clothing Catholic Women in the Twentieth-Century,” a joint session of the CCHA and the CHA, featured scholars from Queen’s, Alberta, Lethbridge and Toronto universities. Rosa Bruno-Jofré spoke on her work on teaching congregations and processes of identity construction with reference to the Religious of Our Lady of the Missions in Canada. For them the habit was a symbol of Canadianization. Indre Cuplinskas drew on research on youth movements in Canada and Lithuania to discuss “Rational Dress: Catholics Debate Female Fashion in Lithuania during the 1920s and 1930s.” Heidi MacDonald surveyed “Modifying Habits: the Debate on Sisters’ Shift to Secular Dress” in three congregations in Atlantic Canada. “Habits and Identity: The Response of the Sisters of Providence of Kingston to Vatican II,” presented by Elizabeth Smyth, rounded out the session. She noted, as had her colleagues, that changes in religious women’s habits originated in the 1950s and that after Vatican II the changes remained controversial. The discussion at this session was lively and informative.

The afternoon panel on May 31 brought forward three approaches to “Catholic Education in Atlantic Canada.” Nancy Earle and Anne Walsh discussed “The Finest Room in the Colony: The Library of Bishop John Thomas Mullock, OSF.” Mullock’s library reflects its creator as a scholar, translator and author in mid-nineteenth century St. John’s, Newfoundland, and his aim to build a cultural centre there. John Fitzgerald examined the conflict between the Irish Christian Brothers and the Vatican and the Archdiocese of St. John’s regarding its plans for a new boy’s high school 1955 – 1962. That project was seen as an attempt to remake Newfoundland culture as Canadian. Peter Ludlow spoke on writing Catholic institutional history in Nova Scotia, drawing on his research on the history of the Catholic Church in eastern Nova Scotia. He discussed the questions mid-twentieth century historian Father Anthony Angus Johnston faced while writing the history of the Diocese of Antigonish. Whose history is it? Where does institutional, official history end and social history begin? All the presentations and the discussion in this session raised interesting questions regarding research in private archives.

At 5:00 p.m. members of the CCHA gathered for the Annual Liturgy for Deceased Members of the CCHA at St. Paul’s Basilica. Most Rev. Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrated Holy Mass. St. Paul’s Basilica, founded in 1822, is Toronto’s oldest Catholic Church. Thanks goes to Father Terry for having made arrangements for the opportunity in one conference to visit both the original Cathedral location of Toronto, St. Paul’s Basilica and the current Cathedral, of St. Michael’s Cathedral.

At 6:30 p.m. members of the CCHA met for the Annual Reception and Dinner at the Bond Place Hotel, an event which always welcomes all members of the CCHA.
After dinner Michael Swan, Associate Editor of The Catholic Register, spoke on “The Renovations of St. Michael’s Cathedral in Toronto.

On Thursday June 1, 2017 the CCHA conference began with a session on the lives and work of women religious. Kimberley Main’s “Rewriting the Vieux récit: Constructing a Community Narrative, Ursulines of Quebec City, 1688,” argued that historians have not yet critically analyzed such accounts. They should look at the inclusions, the omissions and the social and spiritual context in which they were written. Christine Lei presented “Led by the Spirit: Remembering Sister Kathleen Kelly, SSS (1948 – 2015),” on the life and work of a member of the Sisters of Social Service of Hamilton.

The next session, "New Directions in Canadian Catholicism,” began with historian Peter Campbell discussing “Catholics and Communists: Catholic Workers Standing Up for the Union at Renfrew Woollen Mills, 1947-49." He explained the complexities of the struggles of working-class Catholics during the Cold War era. The Renfrew workers found support within the Catholic Church from the inspiration of papal encyclicals and the pro-union positions of the Oblates. Clara Joseph spoke next on "A Problem for Canadian Church Historiography: An Indian Priest, Captive in Yemen.” In relating the 2016 event to Canadian Catholic history, she drew on her work in literary criticism, religious studies and sociology.

Two book launches rounded out the June 1, 2017 CCHA conference presentations. First came the celebration of Conscience of a Nation: A History of the Jesuits in English Canada, 1842 – 2013, Volume 3 in the Jesuit History Series published by Novalis in 2017. CCHA President Peter Baltutis, a contributor to Volume 2, chaired the session. Panellists included Jacques Monet SJ, Director of the Canadian Institute of Jesuit Studies, who gave an overview of the project. John D. Meehan SJ, President of Campion College, University of Regina, spoke on Canadian Jesuits going to serve in Darjeeling, Bhutan, Zambia and Jamaica. John D. O’Brien SJ, of Regis College, University of Toronto, spoke on Jesuit communications from print to radio and television. There was a wide range of questions for the speakers. A major theme in both presentations and the discussion period was reconciliation. Reference was made to Truth and Reconciliation call to action number 60; help Indigenous peoples in solidarity, as allies.

The second book launch featured a panel of speakers on Jubilee: 50 Years of Solidarity – the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, also published by Novalis in 2017. The Moderator, Danny Gillis of CCODP, credited Peter Baltutis for his chapter in the book, and thanked him and the CCHA for their support for the launch of the book at this conference. Panellists included Peter Baltutis of St. Mary’s University Calgary, Mary Corkery, former executive director of KAIROS, Anne-Marie Jackson, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, Fr. Gonzalo Ituarte OP, CCODP Partner from Chiapas, Mexico, Natalie Rizzo, youth member of CCODP, Fabien Leboeuf, former executive director of CCODP, and Mike Flynn, one of the original staff of CCODP. An enthusiastic discussion on aspects of the history of CCODP followed the panel of speakers.

The 2017 CCHA conference program committee: Peter Baltutis, Peter Ludlow, and Robert Dennis, and the local arrangements committee: Father Edward Jackman, Valerie Burke, and MC Havey, deserve congratulations and thanks for an outstanding conference.

IN MEMORIAM:
Gregory Baum 1923 - 2017

Since the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council in December 1965, historians of the Roman Catholic Church have investigated, scrutinized, and debated its documents, methods, outcomes, and legacy. As Pope John XXIII valiantly opened the ancient doors of the Church to dialogue with the modernity, young theologians like Fr Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI) took their place as the “engineers of reform." In the short intermissions between sessions, dinners in Rome's cafes, and at night in the religious houses, there were varying ideas on what the Council “ought to be, to do, and to say.”

One of those theologians who spent a lifetime writing about what he thought the Council “ought to be,” Gregory Baum, died in Montreal at the age of ninety-four in October 2017. For the young German-Canadian Augustinian friar, Vatican II was a lived experience and a deeply personal event. It shaped his spiritual outlook, his academic output, and his personal life. “At the Vatican Council,” Baum noted in a 1987 Massey Lecture, “the Catholic Church discovered a new sense of solidarity with other religious communities and in fact with the whole of the human family.” Like all lived experiences, however, Baum’s impressions of the Council, and his sense of the Church’s new mission, differed from others, and his thoughts on complex subjects like human sexuality, and institutionalism made him a controversial figure.
Born in Berlin in 1923, Baum’s maternal Jewish ancestry forced him out of Hitler’s Germany in the dark months of 1939. Fleeing first to England and then to Canada, he eventually enrolled at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and then the Ohio State University for post-graduate studies in mathematics. Blessed with a keen intellect, Baum was deeply attracted to the aesthetic and soon converted from “nominal Christianity” to Roman Catholicism. Joining the Order of St. Augustine, the priest left the world of algebra for the realm of spirituality and theology graduating with a Th.D. from the University of Fribourg in 1956.

In 1958 the young friar published his first book That They May Be One: A Study of Papal Doctrine (Leo XIII–Pius XII). Although Baum didn’t consider the monograph especially worthy of praise, others, like the Jesuit intellectual (and future cardinal) Augustin Bea, were impressed enough to offer him an appointment to the Secretariat for Christian Unity. The commission was tasked with researching and preparing documents for the Second Vatican Council, which had been called by Pope John XXIII in 1959. One of Baum’s key contributions was his examination of Catholic-Jewish relations, a subject on which he was uniquely positioned to comment. “The council was the making of Gregory Baum,” notes Michael Higgins, “He thrived in its intellectual hothouse, delighted to find a new set of coworkers inspired by the best in Catholic thinking.” Having made a name for himself at the Council, Baum eagerly returned to Canada to take a post as professor of theology and ethics at St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto. In 1970, he published Man becoming: God in secular language, a tribute to the French philosopher, Maurice Blondel, which noted that God was not an object separate from man, but rather was ubiquitous. In other words, there were plenty of places to find and know God besides the pew. It was a rejection of traditional theology that gained him many followers as well as his share of detractors.

By the late 1970s an interest in “sociologically informed theology” made Baum sympathetic to the liberation theology of Latin America. His calls for structural changes in the economic order eventually created friction with his superiors in his canonical community, while his outspoken criticism of the Church’s “Declaration on Sexual Ethics,” put him at odds with both Rome and the Archbishop of Toronto. Constrained by his vocation, in 1976 Baum left the priesthood and quickly married a former Loretto Sister (she died in 2007). Over the following decades, both at the University of Toronto and later McGill University, he published dozens of books and articles, finally at liberty to express his thoughts without penalty. From 1962 until 2004, he was the founding editor of The Ecumenist, a journal dedicated to an understanding of the relationship between theology, sociology and culture.

Yet, when I first encountered Baum as a graduate student, I had very little interest in the politics of the post-conciliar church. Feeling that Catholicism as a social force had been expunged from the recent historiography of Canadian labour, Baum’s books like Catholics and Canadian Socialism: Political Thought in the Thirties and Forties (1980) offered new perspectives on how the Canadian Church engaged with entities like the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. Baum had an obvious ideological position (which sometimes effected his analysis), but his work was ground-breaking, engaging, and relevant. Moreover, he was unquestionably a pioneer in evaluating the social thought of activists like Msgr. Moses Coady (Baum considered the Nova Scotian priest “the most radical practitioner of Catholic social thought anywhere in the church at the time”) and his Antigonish Movement.

In Catholic intellectual circles Baum had many friends and colleagues. He was certainly no stranger to the Canadian Catholic Historical Association. In fact, in June 2010 he delivered a paper before the CCHA annual meeting at Concordia University in Montreal entitled “The Forgotten Promises of Vatican II,” arguing that the Holy See had reneged on the covenant of 1962-65 and restored the “monarchical style of the pontifical government” (the lecture was published in the 2011 edition of CCHA Historical Studies). Gregory Baum died in the age of Pope Francis, a time of deep divisions especially in the western Church. Yet, as these debates rage on, Baum’s voice regarding what he believed the Vatican Council “ought to be,” will live on.

Peter Ludlow

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COAST TO COAST

Report from Historical Studies, the Canadian Catholic Historical Association Journal, at the CCHA Executive Meeting, November 2017

The editorial baton of Historical Studies has officially passed from Dr. Patricia Roy, University of Victoria to Dr. Edward MacDonald, University of Prince Edward Island, as Editor and Dr. Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge as Associate Editor.

At the November 2017 CCHA Executive meeting, Edward MacDonald began his update on Historical Studies with this news and recognition of Patricia Roy’s contributions as editor:

“... I begin with a word of thanks. Volume 83 of Historical Studies, which came out this past summer, is a fitting valedictory for Doctor Roy’s term as Editor. Its four essays and five reviews continue the tradition of scholarship to which the CCHA has dedicated itself. Pat has been a tactful, prudent, diversely skilled, unfailingly generous, and remarkably efficient leader for our journal. It is a measure of her skill that she made the job of editing seem straightforward and (within limits) simple. Indeed, she made my burden as Associate Editor so light that I now feel the weight of her job more keenly! For that reason, I’m particularly glad to welcome Dr. Heidi MacDonald as Associate Editor. She combines acumen and collegiality in equal measure.

I know that Pat would say that her job was made easy by those who constitute the Historical Studies “team”: our book review editor, Fred McEvoy; the CCHA Secretariat, as embodied in Father Jackman and Valerie Burke; the ever reliable Marquis Printing; the Jackman Foundation; and our colleagues at Etudes d’histoire religieuse. In addition to these I should also acknowledge with thanks our many contributors, as well as the members of Historical Studies Editorial Board.”

Appreciative CCHA members acknowledge and honour the work that Dr. Patricia Roy has always delivered to our membership as Editor of the Historical Studies. Dr. Roy, centred. Flanked by Valerie Burke and Ed MacDonald, Fred McEvoy is standing at the far right.
Congratulations to Robert Dennis of UPEI who was selected in November 2017 as an associate of the Wilson Institute at McMaster University for 2017-2020. In making the announcement about the selection of associates, Ian McKay, Director of the Wilson Institute, says that the associates are “scholars who are pushing the field of Canadian history in exciting new transnational directions.”

Robert Dennis also sent an account of “UPEI Catholic Studies in Rome”

In May 2017, Dr. Robert Dennis and Dr. Joe Velaudum, University of Prince Edward Island, led ten students to Rome to undertake a senior-level course on “Rome: Christianity and Culture.” The Saint Dunstan’s Institute of Christianity and Culture at UPEI organized the course so that the students lived and learned in Rome, but also had the opportunity to visit Pompeii, Assisi, and Florence. “The course has tremendous depth and breadth; among its priorities is the historical development of Christianity as it emerged into Roman society and culture”, says Dr. Robert Dennis. “We examined history, art, and philosophy from early Christianity through contemporary times in the age of Francis.” A special moment came when the students visited Santa Maria del Popolo, Titular Church of His Eminence James McGuigan, Canada’s first English-speaking Cardinal and native son of Prince Edward Island. Pictured here are students during their visit to Assisi.


The June 2017 Bulletin of SCHEC also includes an article by Pierre Hurtubise, o.m.i., on the fiftieth anniversary of le Centre de recherché en histoire religieuse du Canada (CRHRC) at l’Université Saint-Paul, Ottawa. Hurtubise summarizes the contributions of CRHRC in research, conferences and publications, including the 2016 electronic version of “L’Inventaire de documents royaux couvrant la période 1622-1922.”

At the University of Toronto Mark McGowan has been appointed Deputy Chair of the Department of History for a two-year term. That department and St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto are co-sponsoring the Ulster-American Symposium June 13-14, 2018 in Toronto. Dr. McGowan’s latest book, The Imperial Irish: Canada’s Irish Catholics Fight the Great War, 1914-1918, was published in May 2017 by McGill-Queen’s University Press. He is currently writing a book on Irish Famine orphans in British North America.

Thanks to Laura J. Smith for tweeting from the CCHA May 31, 2017 sessions in Toronto.

In June 2017 Dr. David Sylvester, Principal and Associate Professor of History at King’s College, Western University was welcomed to the Board of Directors of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences for a two year term.

Congratulations to Rosa Bruno-Jofré who received the TD Bank Award as one of Canada’s ten most influential Hispanic Canadians in Toronto November 21, 2017. Begun in 2007, this award program is run by the Canadian Hispanic Business Alliance in cooperation with the Canadian Hispanic Congress. The awards “celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Canadians to our social, economic and multicultural fabric.” The citation for Dr. Bruno-Jofré, Professor at Queen’s University, describes her arrival in Canada from Argentina in 1977, her contribution as Dean of Education at Queen’s (2000-2010) and as a scholar, founding an influential international research program. She has published with McGill-Queen’s University Press, Routledge and the University of Toronto Press. Her work has been translated into French, Spanish and Chinese.

Rosa Bruno-Jofré and Jon Igelmo Zalvidar edited Catholic Education in the Wake of Vatican II that was published by the University of Toronto Press in September 2017, with the assistance of a grant from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Canadian historians of religion and education will welcome both the international scholars’ contributions to this project and the Canadian contributions. The latter include: Heidi MacDonald, “Women, Religion, Vatican II, Education and the State in Atlantic Canada; Rosa Bruno-Jofré, “The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM) in the long 1960s and Vatican II;” Joe Stafford, “The Conditions of Reception for the Declaration on Christian Education: Secularization and the Educational State in Ontario;” and Elizabeth M. Smyth, “From Serving in the Missions at Home to Serving in Latin America: The Post Vatican II Experience of Canadian Women Religious.”

Vatican II and Beyond, the Changing Mission and Identity of Canadian Women Religious, co-authored by Rosa Bruno-Jofré, Heidi MacDonald, and Elizabeth M. Smyth, has just been published by McGill-Queen’s University Press. The publication received a grant from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The authors discuss the impact of Vatican II through the Canadian Religious Conference and the lived experience of women religious. Heidi MacDonald contributes a chapter title “Smaller Numbers, Stronger Voices: Women Religious Reposition Themselves through the Canadian Religious Conference, 1960s-80s.” Rosa Bruno-Jofré explores the Missionary Oblate Sisters and renewal through the journey of Alice Trudeau, while Elizabeth Smyth looks at “Living Religious Life on a Broad Canvas: Vatican II and Sister Mary Alban (Bernadette) Bouchard, CSJ.”

Upon printing this bulletin, we learned of the death of our dear CCHA member Peter McGuigan. A full obituary link can be currently found on our Twitter account @cchahistory. We will be writing a CCHA History Obituary for our bulletin spring edition.
**ARCHIVES News from Ontario**

Archivist MC Havey reports from the Sisters of Service Archives in Toronto:

**The Sisters of Service of Canada** have chosen **Dr. Claire Halstead** of Halifax to write the community's general history as a post-doctoral fellow at Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, in a two-year project. Dr. Halstead will be supervised at that university by Professor Karly Kehoe, Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Communities. A social and cultural historian, Dr. Halstead graduated from Western University, London, ON (BA, 2011), University of Kent, Canterbury, England (MA, 2011) and Western University (PhD, 2015) and has undertaken recent research and public history projects in Halifax, including 100th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion and 150th anniversary of the Halifax Public Gardens. Entirely Canadian in origin, the Sisters of Service were founded in 1922 and grew to 55 missions, involving education, health care, social work and religious education from sea to sea to sea.

**Veronica Stienburg**, Archivist for the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul sent reports on the archives of two congregations:

In November 2017 **the School Sisters of Notre Dame** in Waterdown, Ontario moved their archives to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The North American School Sisters of Notre Dame are consolidating their Archives from Waterdown, Milwaukee, Baltimore, St. Louis, Mankato, Chatawa, Chicago, and Wilton to one facility located at Mount Mary University, Milwaukee.

The Archives of the **Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul** is posting historical and research resources to the “Our Story” section of the congregational website. Our newest feature on the website is the “Catherine McKinley Letters”, consisting of transcriptions of all of the incoming and outgoing correspondence of the first General Superior from 1884 to 1903. The correspondence gives the reader a fascinating glimpse at the struggles and achievements of the growing congregation. Obituaries of every deceased sister, from the first death in 1870 to the present, are also available on the website. These are not typical obituaries; in fact in the world of consecrated life we refer to them as necrologies. These biographical sketches are written by the General Secretary of the congregation shortly after the death of each individual sister. The Archives has also created a “Mission History” feature on the website, organized geographically with profiles on each mission and institution run by the congregation. This section is still a work in progress, as we continue to add histories of various locations. Check out the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page and Twitter account as every Thursday we feature a photograph from the Archives as part of #ThrowbackThursdays. Please visit www.providence.ca/our-story/ to read Catherine McKinley’s letters, the obituaries, and mission histories.

**Archbishop Albert LeGatt and The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** are preparing to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Western Canada in 2018. Father, later Bishop, Norbert Provencher arrived in the west in 1818.

The **St. Boniface Historical Society** newsletter, *Au Salon Empire*, Spring 2017, reports on a project to preserve, manage and promote the archives of congregations of women religious in Manitoba. Five congregations have donated records to the Centre du patrimoine in St. Boniface. For more information see the bilingual website of the St. Boniface Historical Society, www.shsbmb.ca

From Regina comes news of the one hundredth anniversary of **Campion College** at the University of Regina. An act of the Saskatchewan Legislature marked the beginning of the college in December 1917, although the formal opening of classes was September 1918. The college was named for St. Edmond Campion.

**The Campion College website** celebrates the college centennial with stories of present and former students. Alumni stories include those of **Archbishop Donald Bolen** of Regina and **Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory.

**Dr. John Meehan SJ**, the President of Campion College is also a member of the History Department of the University of Regina. The current *Canadian Historical Association Bulletin* 43.2, 2017, p. 12, reports on his recent scholarly activity.


From Calgary **Dr. Peter Baltutis** sends news of plans for **St. Mary’s University Catholic Studies program plans for a travel study course in Rome in 2018**.

In May 2018, students in the Catholic Studies program at St. Mary’s University in Calgary will be studying for two weeks in Rome. This travel study course will be led by Dr. Peter Baltutis and will explore the development of Christian spirituality from its origins to the present day through the lens of Rome. Specifically, this course examines how Christians throughout history have approached God in prayer and practice, and how these diverse spiritualities have intersected with art, architecture, politics, and culture.

The first article in the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association* Vol. 27 no. 1, 2016 is “‘The Devil Made Me Do It.’ Popular Spirituality in a Rural Québec Parish, 1736-1901,” by Dr. Frank Abbott, of Vancouver. The article examines popular tales regarding the Devil in the rural Québec parish of St. Joseph-de-Beauce. Dr. Abbott’s book *The Body or the Soul? Religion and Culture in a Québec Parish, 1736 – 1901*, published in 2016 by McGill-Queen's University Press, is part of the Studies in the History of Religion series.

From Vancouver comes news of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of St. Mark’s College at the University of British Columbia. College President Dr. Peter Meehan welcomed the Honourable Graydon Nicholas as the keynote speaker at a September 2017 event. He was the first Aboriginal person in Atlantic Canada to receive a law degree, to be made a judge, and to be named Lieutenant Governor. After his service in that office in New Brunswick, 2009-2014, he became the Chair of the Native Studies program at St. Thomas University in New Brunswick.

Dr. Jacqueline Gresko was invited to speak on “Women Religious Teaching Japanese Evacuees in British Columbia during World War II.” At the 5e Colloque biennal de la Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique, October 7, 2017 at UBC Robson Square, Vancouver.

*2017 is the 75th anniversary of the removal of the Japanese from the West Coast* to the Interior of British Columbia during World War II. The role of the Christian Churches in assisting the Japanese should be remembered, particularly the work of four congregations of Catholic women religious who provided education and social services. The Franciscan Sisters and the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement served at Greenwood, the Sisters of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin ran a high school at Slocan, the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels ran a high school at New Denver and the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King ran schools at Kaslo and then Sandon. The Franciscan Friars OFM provided chaplaincy services for all the centres except Greenwood.

The “75th anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Internment” is an article by Chuck Tasaka, an alumnus of the Sacred Heart School at Greenwood. You can read it on *Discover Nikkei*, a website on the history of the Nikkei, Japanese migrants and their descendants. [www.discovernikkei.org]. Chuck Tasaka's article reports on the reunion held at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic School gym in Richmond, B.C. on April 29, 2017. The attendees, Japanese Canadians who had been interned, their descendants and friends, included members of the Christian Churches and the Buddhist Temple. The venue, St. Joseph's parish, was begun as the Catholic mission to the Japanese in Steveston, by the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement in 1931. The Sisters had a mission in Vancouver and were joined in their works by the Friars of the Atonement in 1934.

*Canada's History* 97 (6), December 2017-January 2018, has a fine article by Alan MacEachern and Edward MacDonald. “Collecting Memories” shows how an “1876 questionnaire offers a glimpse of early settler life on Prince Edward Island.”

*2017 is also Canada’s 150th Anniversary.* As part of the celebrations the *Vancouver Sun and Vancouver Province* newspapers had popular historian Stephen Hume write a series of profiles of 150 noteworthy British Columbians. The two Roman Catholics included in the series were Esther Pariseau, Mother Marie Joseph du Sacré-Coeur of the Sisters of Charity of Providence of Montreal (1823-1902), and Rose Prince, lay worker at the Lejac Residential School (1915-1949). Mother Joseph has gained fame as a female architect, builder of hospitals, schools and orphanages for her congregation in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho. She built St. Paul’s Hospital in Vancouver, B.C. in 1894. Rose Prince, the lay woman who helped the Dalkeh (Carrier) children at Lejac Residential School, died of tuberculosis in 1949. Two years later when graves were being moved to a new cemetery, people noticed that her body was perfectly preserved. Over the years devotion to Rose Prince has developed, with an annual pilgrimage to her gravesite. Dr. Emma Anderson, a professor of Religious History at the University of Ottawa, spoke to the CCHA 2015 conference on “The Rose Prince Pilgrimage in Lejac, B.C.

The Canadian Archivists Group gathered “Archivists and Friends” on December 1st for their 5th Annual Christmas Luncheon where many of our CCHA members had an opportunity to be together, once again. Thanks to Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto Archives and the Sisters of Service Archives - always a wonderful occasion! Special thanks for the arrangements by Sister Grace Sauvé, Frances O'Regan and Stacey Gilkinson, Linda Wicks and MC Havey.

Archivists and Friends at the 5th Annual Christmas Luncheon
Visiting Rose Prince's grave:
This summer, knowing my family and I were going on a road trip from Vancouver to Prince Rupert and would pass by Lejac, I re-read notes on Professor Anderson's talk and planned a visit to the Rose Prince grave on Nadleh Whut'en land. The nation's website explains that the Catholic Church ran the Lejac residential school “under contract” to the federal government from 1923 to 1976. The school was named for Father Jean-Marie Lejac, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate. When the school closed in 1976, “the land was transferred to the Nadleh Whut'en First Nation and the buildings were razed. All that remains today are the cemetery and the Rose Prince memorial.” When we visited the Rose Prince gravesite at the end of August 2017 there were flowers piled on the grave and the fencing obscured the words on the grave. The gravestone inscription is “In memory of Rose Prince. Aug. 21, 1915 – Aug. 19, 1949. Rest in Peace.”

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR CANADIAN CATHOLIC HISTORY

Do you have a favourite blog or website or digitization project for research and teaching about Canadian Catholic History? Please send the address and a brief description by March 1, 2018 to jgresko@cchahistory.ca

Let’s assist Valerie Burke with updating links to resources on the CCHA website. Some archives and historical associations have facebook accounts or twitter accounts, so send those along as well.

CCHA on Twitter

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

CONFERENCE NOTICES

The Ulster-American Symposium, June 13-15, 2018, Toronto, co-sponsored by the Department of History, University of Toronto and St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. The 22nd meeting of the symposium is being held for the first time in Canada.

Envisioning the Future of Catholic Religious Archives: A Working Conference, July 11-13, 2018 at Boston College. This conference will work toward developing a national plan to preserve the archival heritage of religious communities in the United States. [website not available yet]

Canadian History of Education 20th Biennial Conference, October 18-21, 2018, Fredericton, N.B. The Call for Papers will be posted in January 2018 at achechea.ca

The 11th Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, June 23-26, 2019, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana. The Cushwa Center will be coordinating logistics. Tom Reznik of Seton Hall University is the chair of the program committee. The conference theme and CFP will be issued early in 2018. Details at www.chwr.org.

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.

It was a great pleasure to meet Lucy Belperio of Kingprint, who does the CCHA Bulletin layout and printing at the CCHA Conference in Toronto in June.
Thank you to all members who sent information on research, recent publications, notes and comments, news and events and photographs of the latter. Your suggestions are welcome.

In the interest of promoting dialogue about Canadian Catholic history I again invite you to contribute a book note, a short essay on archival developments, a review of a digitization project or a review of an historical blog. Professors and students in Catholic Studies program are encouraged to send reports on their projects, especially field studies.

If you take photographs of CCHA conference events please consider forwarding copies to Valerie Burke or myself for the website and the Bulletin.

March 1 and October 1 are the deadlines for submission.

Send emails to jgresko@cchahistory.ca.

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G.E. CLERK AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

George Edward Clerk (1815-1875) was a prominent Montreal Catholic and editor of that City’s True Witness and Catholic Chronicle. A Scottish Canadian who had a bright and inquisitive mind, Clerk accepted Bishop Bourget’s challenge to launch an English-speaking Catholic newspaper. His service of the written word lives on as the Canadian Catholic Historical Association presents the George Edward Clerk Award, awarded biennially (every two years), for outstanding contributions to Catholic history.

The award is made on the basis of one or more of the following criteria:
1. Excellence in writing or researching the history of Catholics and the Catholic Church.
2. Service to the administration of the CCHA/SCHEC.
3. Excellence in the field of Catholic archives or teaching Catholic history.

The selection committee asks you to send in a name you would like to nominate for the Clerk Award 2018. The recipient will be honoured with the Clerk Medallion, which will be presented at the annual CCHA dinner on 30 May 2018 at the University of Regina. Please send your nomination by 1 February 2018 to the Chair of the nominations committee, Dr. Robert Dennis.

George Edward Clerk Award Nomination Form

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For the 2018 George E. Clerk Award. This nominee will qualify for the award under one of the following categories:

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