Greetings Catholic Archivist Group Members,   March 27, 2017

The Planning Committee warmly invites you to attend the 2017 annual conference at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

This year's theme is *Keeping Archives in the 21st Century*. Although the purpose of our profession remains the same, our practices are changing every day. The paper finding aid has become the descriptions database. The photocopy has become the scan. The box of letters has become the flash drive of emails. Even if you're not using the latest gizmos, there are technological trends that affect us all. We want to provoke discussion about the ways we are taking steps forward to provide archival services in a modern age.

This year's conference includes a keynote by distinguished Canadian Catholic historian Dr. Mark McGowan; a session with Emily Sommers, digital archivist at the University of Toronto; a panel session from our members on digital projects; a tour of the newly renovated St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica; and a talk by Cathedral renovation architect Terry White.

We are pleased to bring back the Idea Fair. Members are encouraged to bring any publications, projects, or posters to display during the conference. We want to hear about your social media endeavours, outreach projects, do-it-yourself approaches to practical archives problems, or anything else you'd like to share. There will be a From the Stacks session after dinner on Tuesday evening for participants to give a brief presentation about their ideas. Please consider sharing and inspiring your fellow archivists!

Year after year, this conference is made great by you, the members. The opportunity to network and learn from each conference attendee's unique experiences makes us all better archivists. Our collective wisdom is a valuable resource!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We hope to see you all in Mississauga this September!

Your Conference Planning Committee: Gillian Hearns, Chair; Michelle Sawyers; Linda Wicks; Andrea D'Angelo