



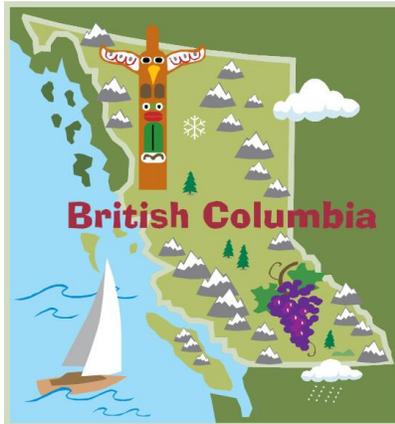
# *Archival Connections*

## *Newsletter of the Catholic Archivist Group*

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**From the Editor – Danielle Hughes** (Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul)

After a long winter, signs of spring are finally making themselves seen and heard here in Kingston ON. The crocuses are out and the birds can be heard singing in the mornings. Before we know it summer, in its full sunny glory will be upon us and it will be time to head to the CAG Annual Conference in Surrey BC. This issue of *Archival Connections* will provide you with registration information as well as details about the conference itself. I hope that many of you will be able to make it to the west coast for this year's event.



Also included in this issue of the newsletter is the nomination form for the position of CAG Treasurer. For those of you out there who enjoy balancing your cheque book, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Please see Diane Lamoureux's call for nominations for more information.

It is with much regret that I announce my resignation as editor for this newsletter. In July 2011, I begin a new chapter in my life with new employment in Ottawa ON. I want to thank Jo-Anne Allison and Tom McCarthy for all of their wonderful help over the past couple of years getting this newsletter out to you. And thank you to all those who have submitted articles to make *Archival Connections* an enjoyable read.

If you are interested in taking up the editorship of *Archival Connections* please contact Jo-Anne Allison or Eloi DeGrâce.

**From the Chair – Éloi DeGrâce** (Archdiocese of Edmonton Archives)

### **CAG Bursary / Scholarship or Internship**

It is the right moment for our organization to help foster the education and training of the next generation of archivists and to introduce archives of a religious organizations as a possible career choice. For these reasons, the executive has drafted a proposal of two ways of accomplishing those goals.

At the Annual General Meeting, CAG delegates will be asked to vote if they wish to pursue one of these proposals. If so, the delegates would vote on one of the following proposals:

- **A Bursary/Scholarship:** CAG would establish a scholarship/bursary to provide financial assistance to a student of merit who intends to pursue a career in archives. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a graduate-level or other advanced program in archival studies or be accepted into such a program. If approved, the annual bursary offered will be from \$1500 to \$2000.

OR

- **The Internship:** CAG would establish an internship to provide onsite work experience in one of our member’s institutions. The internship would be available to an institution that hires a student of merit who intends to pursue a career in archives. For CAG member institutions, it would be an opportunity to hire student for archival projects. If approved, the institution would receive assistance from \$1500 to \$2000.

If approved, a selection committee of three committed CAG members would be established to review the applications. The deadline for applications would be January 31, 2012.

The successful student would be invited to the 2012 conference.

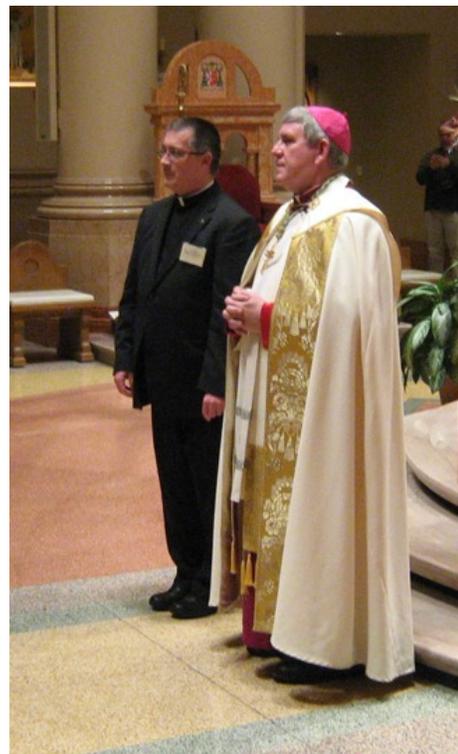
The executive would be pleased to hear comments about our proposals before the Annual Conference in September.

### Fr. Wayne Jenkins receives award – SCJ News

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Congratulations to Fr. Wayne Jenkins, SCJ, who received the Vatican II award for “Service in Ecumenism” during the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s annual Vatican II Awards Ceremony on November 9. The awards were established in 1991 to honor men, women and young adults who exemplify the Catholic Church’s vision set forth in the Second Vatican Council.

Fr. Wayne was one of 14 award recipients. Organizers noted that Fr. Wayne “has spent the majority of his life simultaneously educating people about the Catholic faith and promoting understanding of other religions. He held Bible study groups for Indonesian University students of Catholic, Muslim and other Christian faiths at the Newman Center of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and has been a member of the rabbi/priest dialogue. In 1995, he became a member of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, and served as vice-chair of the commission for two years and chairperson for two years. Fr. Jenkins has served as sacramental minister



**Fr. Wayne and Archbishop ListECKI**

for Villa St. Francis, Milwaukee, and St. Monica's Senior Citizen Home, Racine. He has also been on the boards of the Benedict Center TYME-OUT Youth Center and St. Monica's Senior Citizen Home."

Fr. Wayne said that his service is inspired by a passage from Corinthians (1 Cor 10:17): "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."

He credits the ecumenical marriage of his parents as one of the sparks that ignited his interest in ecumenical outreach.

### **Moving is not so bad...It gives you a chance to see what you really have! – Debra Majer** (Diocese of London)

I had to move the archives and it wasn't really so bad. Really, it was quite the experience as I had an opportunity to see what I *really* had in the vault.

The Chancery building, where the diocesan archives are housed, is in the midst of being renovated and every office in the building is working from a remote location for approximately one year. Thankfully, the archives was budgeted in the renovation plans. Did I get my wish list of items and corrections? No, absolutely not. But I did manage to secure the instalment of an environmental control system along with other upgrades, some new shelving and a new refurbished office space. Overall, this Diocesan Archivist is quite satisfied!

The process of packing and moving 280 boxes of records, maps, art, 400 or so sacramental registers, artifacts of every size and dimension and furniture was a monumental task. Because I enjoy change and new challenges, I found myself quite enthusiastic with the process. This was an opportunity to *start over* as many records that I did not collect or were left behind from other offices decades ago could be weeded or thrown out. In other words, there was major culling going on and the opportunity to fully see what lies beneath was possible.

The actual move itself was well organized. I would only recommend professional movers with experience as this was vital for the collection to arrive at the temporary locations safe and protected. The collection itself was split between two locations; Cardinal Carter Library at King's University College and St. Peter's Seminary. I am completely grateful to both of these institutions for their generous support and kindness with assisting in the temporary housing of our local Church's heritage.

When asked what was the single most difficult obstacle I had to face with the move I do not have an answer as all the pre-planning, budgeting and organizing of the collection was thought out far in advance. However, I must note that the actual move itself was an entirely different story. Basically, what I thought would take one full day to move the entire collection took nearly three days. And then there was the realization that I needed to create "locator aids" to be sure I could access the collection with efficiency and effectiveness in both locations while I worked from an office space that was not attached to either storage facility.

As I race around between my office and the two collection spaces I am reminded of what I have been called to do and that is to serve the Church with willingness and flexibility! I would never have imagined that a fitness component would all of a sudden become part of my archives job description. I have no complaints!

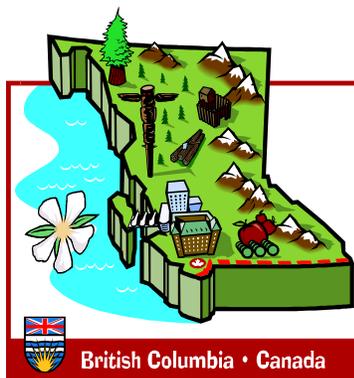
## Oh, British Columbia... - Theresa Vogel (CAG Conference Committee)

### *Where we don't take ourselves too seriously...*

There have to be many jokes about Canada's most westerly province, the people who live in danger of tipping over the edge of the land, and the peculiar habits of British Columbians. For anyone who has not heard the *Top Five Reasons to Live in British Columbia*, here is a synopsis:

1. Vancouver has 1.5 million people and two bridges.
2. Your \$400,000 Vancouver home is 5 hours from downtown.
3. We have a university with a nude beach.
4. You can throw a rock and hit three *Starbucks* locations.
5. There's always some sort of protest going on.

Quite possibly, the only thing that is going to save us from falling into inanity or insanity is the fascinating history of the region, and the fact that much of that history was formed from the influence of the Roman Catholic Church, and the religious orders of women and men who early brought the word to BC.



### *But we sure take our conferences seriously...*

Inspired by the example of the women and men who fearlessly travelled to this unknown land and left a wealth of recorded history for us to study and learn from, the 2011 *Catholic Archivist Group* conference will be an animation of the theme – *Old Paths, New Directions: honouring the past while steering toward the future*.

Later in the afternoon on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, **Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB** will preside over an opening liturgy in the chapel at the retreat centre; Archbishop Miller is a great supporter of historical projects, and a welcoming presence for delegates.

**Jacqueline Gresko** will give the keynote address on Tuesday morning, and will accompany us on the outing that day. Dr. Gresko taught at Douglas College in New Westminster, BC from 1970 until her retirement in 2006. Since then, she has taught at Corpus Christi College of the University of British Columbia and done volunteer work and writing. She is currently president of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association, and publications chair for the British Columbia Historical Federation. She has written for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, the *Encyclopaedia of British Columbia*, and the *Oxford Companion to Canadian History*. Her article, "Gender and Mission: The Sisters of Saint Ann in British Columbia" appears in Elizabeth

Smyth, editor, *Changing Habits: Women's Religious Orders in Canada*, published by Novalis in 2007. She wrote the 2008 centennial history of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, *Traditions of Faith and Service*.

After 'filling up' on history during the outing to St. Mary's Mission/Fraser Lake Heritage Park, delegates will have an opportunity to hear a representative of the Royal BC Museum and BC Provincial Archives speak to the importance and delicacy of transferring a private archive to a public venue. **Gary A. Mitchell** was appointed Director, Collections, Research and Access in February, 2009. His portfolio includes the duties of the Provincial Archivist, Chair of the Public Documents Committee and director of provincial museum collections and research. He started Public Service in 1985 as a records analyst in the Records Management Branch and has held successive appointments as Senior Analyst, Manager of Advisory and Training, Deputy Provincial Archivist and Provincial Archivist. With the creation of the Royal BC Museum Corporation on 1 April 2003, he continued as Provincial Archivist and Director of Access Services. Professionally, he holds an archival studies degree from the University of British Columbia. He is an active member in the archives associations of BC, Canada and the Commonwealth as well as in the Institutes of Public Administrators of Canada and the Commonwealth. Gary's contributions were recognized by his peers in November 2001 with "Distinguished Service and Leadership Award" by the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. In January 2003, he received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for "exemplary public service leadership." In addition to his archival interests, he has an interest in how societies use symbolism to express their differences. That explains his interests in heraldry, vexillology, military history, public administration and parliamentary traditions and precedence!

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 is certainly a day of 'taking care of business', as it incorporates the morning 'From the Stacks' tables of interest at breakfast, followed by the CAG Annual General Meeting, and the split session examining the particular issues in religious archives and diocesan archives. From within CAG, **MC Havey, Diane Lamoureux, and Eloi DeGrace** have stepped forward to facilitate these business portions of the conference. There is still a need, however, for members who may be interested in convening a 'table of interest'. If anyone is harboring a burning interest or issue, and thinks others might be too, we want to hear from you!



For many at work in the private archives of dioceses and religious orders, the collection of photographs on hand is a challenge. To address this idea, **Rosaleen Hill** will present a four-hour comprehensive session looking at all aspects of organizing and preserving photographs. Ms. Hill has worked in the preservation field since graduating from Queen's University 1989 with a Masters of Art Conservation degree. Rosaleen has a private preservation consulting business based in Vancouver. Current projects include acting as the Conservation Coordinator for the Archives Association of BC where she manages the province-wide BC Archives Preservation Service; she develops distance and "live" preservation workshops - most recently focusing on digital and "at risk" analog records. She has completed many preservation assessments and preservation projects for numerous archives, special collections and museums across Canada.

Rosaleen has taught paper conservation at the University of Canberra in Australia and joined the UBC School of Library and Archival Studies program as an adjunct professor in the fall of 2008. She is current the Chair of the Canadian Council of Archives national preservation committee and acts as a liaison to the Board of Directors.

If anyone has an ounce of energy left, the schedule for Thursday, September 22, 2011 may drain it! The first session of the day will present some practical tips on organizing all of the incredible artefacts held in religious archives into informative and educational displays. The session will be co-facilitated by Carey Pallister and Shelley Myhres. **Carey Pallister** is an archivist for the Sisters of St. Ann in Victoria and has over 25 years experience in the archival field. She has a passion for keeping history alive and sharing knowledge through creating displays, large and small. She has collaborated with numerous institutions on a variety of displays and has contributed her expertise to other archives (civic and religious), advisory committees and local heritage groups. She has also volunteered with the Archives Association of British Columbia and organized conferences for them. **Shelley Myhres** is the Program Coordinator of St. Ann's Academy National Historic Site, Victoria, BC. In 2008, in conjunction with the Sister of St. Ann Archives, she crafted the exhibit "*Take a Letter, Miss Jones—the Commercial Classroom at St. Ann's Academy*" as part of the BC 150 province-wide celebrations. Ms. Myhres is an individual member of the Catholic Archivists Group and an institutional member of the BC Museum Association and the Alliance of National Historic Sites of BC.

Did anyone mention that one of the peculiarities of British Columbia involves the fact that it takes four to five hours to travel the 69 kilometres between Victoria and Vancouver? Without the span of bridge boasted by New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, we are hostages to the BC ferry fleet, and whatever weather conditions may be blowing around that day! As a result, the final offering of the conference cannot begin until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, as we await the arrival of Celia Francis from her office in downtown Victoria. But, her presentation will be well worth waiting for, as she is uniquely qualified to examine the boundaries of privacy in archive settings, especially that information which is being clamoured for, as it explains and illuminates both the positive and negative aspects in regional religious history. **Celia Francis** is the Senior Adjudicator at the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Since 2004, she has been conducting inquiries and hearings, disposing of the issues in dispute in the form of binding orders, where portfolio officers have not been able to settle requests for review and complaints under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("FIPPA") or the *Personal Information Protection Act* ("PIPA"). As a Portfolio Officer with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of BC from 1994 to 2004, Celia's work included: conducting reviews and investigating complaints involving municipal police, municipalities, self-governing professional bodies, educational bodies, health authorities, the Workers' Compensation Board, Ministries such as Health, Education and Attorney General and the resource ministries; providing advice and guidance to public bodies on FIPPA matters.

Her prior experience includes working for these bodies: the BC government from 1993-1994, helping to implement FIPPA; the access to information and privacy offices of three federal government departments (Employment and Immigration, Privy Council Office and Veterans Affairs) from 1985 to 1993; and, in the early 1980s, the National Museum of Science and Technology.

This newsletter contains a registration form for the conference, a brochure containing handy contact information, and mostly, *the most sincere wish that we will be able to meet in Surrey, BC the third week of September*. The conference just won't be the same without you, and we take that very seriously!

### **Outreach Committee: A short history – Jo-Anne Allison** (Diocese of Prince George)



At the CAG annual meeting in Orleans in September 2006, the Outreach Committee was established to help the Executive improve recruitment and communications. The terms of reference for outreach included the continuation of the CAG Newsletter *Archival Connections* and evaluating the benefits of developing a CAG website. Jo-Anne Allison, Diocesan Archivist in Prince George, British Columbia and Sr Laurette Couture, cssf, Diocesan Archivist in St Paul, Alberta, both new members of CAG, took on the challenge.

Over the course of the next year Jo-Anne and Sr Laurette investigated the design features that would be required for a CAG website and contacted various web designers to ascertain costs of the various options. In addition, Sr Laurette took over the editorship of *Archival Connections* while Jo-Anne wrote numerous articles for archives publications, *Archival Connections* included, highlighting CAG as a resource for issues of interest to Catholic archivists.

At CAG 2007 in Montreal, the Outreach Committee presented a recommendation requesting support for the development of a CAG website. Members were also asked to approve the Outreach Committee's recommendation that an official logo be used as the center point or brand which would form the basis for the web design. A provisional logo was accepted allowing website development to continue and a contest for an official logo was announced! All members were urged to submit ideas and drawings which would be featured in the newsletter. The winner would be selected in Edmonton at CAG 2008!

The next year saw Sr Laurette and Jo-Anne hard at work producing the newsletter and developing the text for the prospective website. Three potential web designs were produced by the design team at Mag-Net Networks in Prince George. These were hashed out/discussed/dissected and dreamed over by the Outreach Committee. With the able assistance of President Eloi DeGrace, a design was selected and after some refinements, the website [www.catholicarchivist.ca](http://www.catholicarchivist.ca) went "live" in January 2008.

At CAG 2008 in Edmonton numerous favourable comments were received about the newsletter and the web site. There was also great interest in the various logo contest submissions. In the end

– the winner was the interim design originally submitted by Sr Laurette. It was formally accepted and now graces the website and all official correspondence.

2008-2009 was quite busy as the members of the Outreach Committee worked on developing new pages for the site and new columns and features for *Archival Connections*.

In the summer of 2009 Sr Laurette announced that due to her reassignment from St Paul, she would have to resign from the Outreach Committee. Luckily, Danielle Hughes, archivist with the Sisters of Providence of St Vincent de Paul, agreed to accept the position of Outreach member and Editor of the Newsletter. *Archival Connections* never missed a beat!

Since CAG 2009 and through 2010 we have all enjoyed a re-invigorated *Archival Connections* produced under Danielle's capable stewardship and with Tom McCarthy's efficient help. CAG's web presence has developed and matured, providing many useful resources and links both to CAG members and the archival community at large. In particular, the quarterly loading of updates makes it possible to view *Archival Connections* in full colour – a real treat for anyone visiting the site!

Participation on the Outreach Committee is very rewarding because it gives us a reason for staying in touch – all year round! We are looking forward to seeing you at CAG 2011 in Vancouver!

**Call for nominations: Treasurer – Diane Lamoureux** (Missionary Oblates, Grandin Archives)

## CAG - Treasurer

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- ▶ Is elected by members of CAG, by mail or email, at a spring election.
- ▶ The term of office is three years, renewable once.
- ▶ Is a member of the Executive Committee.
- ▶ Is the financial officer of the CAG.
- ▶ Causes to be received and deposited in any bank approved by the Executive, all monies of the CAG.
- ▶ Conference registration and membership renewal cheques are sent to Treasurer who will forward forms to Secretary (membership renewal) and Conference Planning Committee (conference registration forms).
- ▶ Is responsible for the bookkeeping.
- ▶ Ensures the preparation of an annual financial statement of the affairs of the CAG.
- ▶ Presents and distributes the annual financial statement at the AGM.
- ▶ Keeps financial records (6 + 1 years) and destroys them after the seventh year.

- ▶ Has signing authority on behalf of CAG.

*Approved by CAG Executive Committee on February 23, 2010.*

The nomination form for the Treasurer is included with this newsletter. Please note that MC Havey has said that she **definitely will not** let her name stand this year so we need to find a new Treasurer. Please return the nomination forms to me by the end of May, 2011.

### **Membership Report – Diane Lamoureux** (Missionary Oblates, Grandin Archives)

This year, CAG has a total of 101 members - 28 institutional memberships and 37 individual memberships.

We have a couple of new members:

1. The Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, Humbolt SK

Sr. Dianne Turner, OSE  
Sr. Viola Bens, OSE  
Sr. Philomene Dobmeier, OSE

2. The Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) of Montreal, Montreal QC

François Nadeau

There are some new names for existing members:

Connie Lewin, at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto ON  
Deborah Adesso and Bonnie Rudnisky, at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo ON  
Carey Pallister, at the Sisters of St. Ann, Victoria BC

Welcome / Bienvenue to all!

### **2012 CAG Annual Conference – Éloi DeGrâce** (Archdiocese of Edmonton Archives)

From the evaluation forms of the last conference, a number of respondents suggested that the 2012 conference be held in Montréal. Villa St. Martin, the location of the conference in 2007, is available for the last two weeks in September 2012.

If you wish to volunteer to the planning committee for Montréal, we would ask that you contact me (the Chair). The conference will require four members of a planning committee to organize it.

However if you wish the 2012 conference to be held in your region, there must be a conference centre that can accommodate 60 attendees and available for the last week of September 2012.

As well, you will be the local organizer for the planning committee, which will be composed of CAG members whom you have asked or have volunteered.

Under the CAG bylaws, members of a Planning Committee are exempt from the conference registration fee.

If there no other suggestions other than Montréal for the location of the 2012 conference by May 15, 2011, the executive will make the booking arrangements.

Also, at the 2011 AGM in Surrey BC, CAG members may be asked to select a venue for the **2013 CAG Annual Conference**. Think about it where you would like to be in two years.

**CAG conferences over the years – Danielle Hughes** (Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul)

The Catholic Archivist Group (CAG) was formally established in 2004. CAG, a national association for Catholic archivists, grew out of the foundations of the Canadian Religious Conference of Ontario Archivist Group (CRC-O). In 2003, with restructuring, CRC-O announced that the Archivist Group, active since 1982, would no longer be supported. The members of CRC-O Archivist Group banded together to form CAG. The new association held their first stand alone conference at St. Michael’s College in Toronto ON and as they say, the rest is history.

2004, June 2-4	Ensuring the Legacy	St. Michael’s College, Toronto ON
2005, Sept. 19-22	Telling our Story	Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls ON
2006, Sept. 25-28	Bridging the Sacred and the Secular	Maison Notre-Dame-de-la- Providence, Orleans ON
2007, Sept. 24-27	A Look at the New Digital World	Villa St. Martin, Montreal QC
2008, Sept. 22-25	Beyond the Last Frontier: The Future of Religious Archives	Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton AB
2009, Sept. 21-24	Preserving Our Heritage: The Future of Archives	Madonna Retreat House, Saint John NB
2010, May 17-20	Advocacy & Outreach: How we Celebrate Ourselves	King’s College, London ON
2011, Sept. 19-22	Old Paths, New Directions: Honouring the Past While Steering Toward the Future	Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, Surrey BC

## Publication Schedule

The newsletter is published three times a year:

**February** (*deadline January 15*)  
**May** (*deadline April 15*)  
**December** (*deadline November 15*)

Please email your news items, articles and photographs to Jo-Anne Allison at [archives@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:archives@pgdiocese.bc.ca). Please keep text to less than 500 words if possible. All submissions will be subject to editing; however final approval from the author will be obtained whenever possible.



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