



THE ARCHIVAL SPIRIT

Newsletter of the Archivists of Religious Collections Section

1992 Sister Claude Lane Award Citation

I would first like to acknowledge the Society of Southwest Archivists who co-sponsor this award and to thank the members of this year's Sister Claude Lane Award Subcommittee: Audrey Bateman of David Gracy & Associates in Austin, Texas; and Sister Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP of the National Catholic Relief Services.

Sister Mary Linus Bax, the recipient of this year's award, has been a leader since starting her career in religious archives in 1975. From the very beginning, Sister Mary Linus was involved not only in the archives of the Precious Blood, but also assisted beginning archivists on the road to archival proficiency. Together with Sister Evangeline Thomas and Father Norbert Brockman, Sister Mary Linus was a presenter in twelve workshops given all over the U.S. These were sponsored variously by the *Leadership Conference for Women Religious*, the *NHPRC*, the *NEH*, and *Berqamo Center* of Dayton, Ohio. Besides imparting the principles of archives to hundreds of participants, Sister Mary Linus was also available for consultation at various religious archives in the United States, Canada and Rome, Italy. Concomitant with

this activity, she lectured widely on archival and related topics. Through these activities she demonstrated her continuous commitment not only to advance archival education and training for beginning archivists, but also maintaining a strong interest and concern for their continued progress and professionalism.

Together with these activities, Sister Mary Linus compiled a *Policy Manual*

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for religious archives which was the first of its kind. It has been widely disseminated and became the proto-

type for the formulation of policies of archives of various religious communities both in the United States and abroad. Sister has also made available to archivists a *Manual For Annals* and a *Manual Of Procedures* written for Salem Heights Archives but easily adaptable to various archival situations.

Besides her academic endeavors and achievements, Sister Mary Linus gives unstintingly of herself and her time to anyone who requests her assistance. The hundreds who have attended her lectures attest to the delightful way in which she can clarify ideas and principles as well as to her generosity and availability. Sister Mary Linus hasn't changed over the years — only gotten better!

For all these reasons, the Committee is pleased to present the 1992 Sister Claude Lane Award to Sister Mary Linus Bax.

From the Chair...

New Orleans ARCS Business Meeting: September 3, 8-10am

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the directory project will once again be brought before section members. In addition, two other projects will be discussed: an ARCS membership brochure and the development of an ARCS mentor program. The meeting will also include reports by section committees, the newsletter editor and we hope to have representatives from the 1994 Program Committee, the Task Force on Sections and Roundtables and the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious, as well.

As a central part of the meeting, we have invited Edie Hedlin, SAA Vice President/President Elect, to join us in a frank, open discussion on ARCS, how it is perceived, and how its members have been and would like to be involved in general SAA affairs. In the past, the section has investigated and addressed some of the aspects of these issues and this opportunity to meet with an SAA officer seems to be a logical conclusion to the project.

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ARCS NEWS

Archivists of Religious Collections Section

MARYKNOLL MISSION ARCHIVES

The Maryknoll Mission Archives, Maryknoll, New York, has recently acquired by "deed of gift" the records of the Mission Secretariat (1949-1970) and the United States Catholic Mission Council, Inc. (1970-1981). These two entities were the forerunner organizations of the present United States Catholic Mission Association, Inc.

The Mission Secretariat was established in Washington, DC, in the fall of 1949, with the unanimous approval of the American bishops. The Mission Secretariat was first placed under the direction of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. (Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was one of the original supervisors of this project.) Later, in 1970, the Mission Secretariat was re-organized and legally incorporated as the United States Catholic Mission Council, Inc. All of these organizations were created to serve and to promote the missionary apostolate of the United States Catholic Church.

In September, 1993, the Maryknoll Missioners and the U.S. Catholic Church together will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the official beginning of the United States missionary effort abroad (the departure of Fathers Thomas Frederick Price, James Edward Walsh, Francis X. Ford, and Bernard F. Meyer of Maryknoll to China on September 7, 1918).

In anticipation of that event, the Maryknoll Mission Archives plans to process, catalogue, and make available for general public research the archival records of the United States Catholic Mission Association, Inc. The availability of these records for research will hopefully stimulate missionary interest and concern into the 21st century.

ADELE PARMENTIER BAYER FEATURED

American National Biography, a biographical dictionary, will be published under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Society with John A. Garraty as General Editor. Sister Margaret M. Quinn, C.S.J., Archivist of the Brentwood congregation, has submitted an article and bibliographical essay on Adele Parmentier Bayer (1814-1892). Daughter of Andre Parmentier, noted horticulturalist, Madame Bayer became famous for her forty years of social and religious services to sailors at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. A bronze tablet at the receiving ship entrance there memorialized her as "Guardian Angel of the Sailors."

The papers of Adele Parmentier Bayer are among the Parmentier Family Papers along with portraits and memorabilia preserved in the Archives at St. Joseph Convent, Brentwood, New York.

Sister Margaret M. Quinn
Archivist

CATHEDRAL OF THE MADELAINE

After more than five years of planning and approximately two years of construction work, the restoration of the interior of the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City is drawing to a close. Stained glass windows, murals and woods have been cleaned and restored, and a liturgical renovation completed. A series of pre-opening events for the dearneries of the diocese began January 3, and include evening prayer with Bishop William K. Weigand presiding, the blessing of a new element in the cathedral, a tour and a reception.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, was the homilist for the rededication of the cathedral to public service on February 20, 1993 and Archbishop Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to the United States, was the homilist for the official Mass of Rededication on February 21. Partners for Sacred Places a national alliance of organizations dedicated to the conservation of historic church architecture, will hold a number of events at the Cathedral of the Madeleine during its annual convention, scheduled this year in Salt Lake City April 28-May 1, 1993.

A second edition of diocesan history, *Salt of the Earth, the History of the Catholic Church in Utah, 1776-1987* by Bernice Maher Mooney was published in December 1992. The new edition is available through the diocesan Archives Office, 27 C Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103, at a cost of \$20/copy plus \$2.50 postage and handling.

SISTER M. CLAUDE LANE AWARD

PURPOSE AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

ELIGIBILITY: Created in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of religious archives.

CRITERIA INCLUDE: Involvement and work in the Religious Archives Section of the Society of American Archivists. Contributions to archival literature which relate to religious archives. Participation and leadership in religious archives organizations. Evidence of leadership in a specific religious archives.

Individual archivists only.

SPONSOR AND FUNDING:
Society of American Archivists in conjunction with the Society of Southwest Archivists

PRIZE: Certificate and cash prize of \$100 provided by the Society of Southwest Archivists.

SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Three members of the Society of American Archivists and one of the Co-Chairs of the Awards Committee (exofficio). One member of the subcommittee shall be selected by the Vice-President/President-Elect of the Society of American Archivists each year on a rotating basis. The senior member of the subcommittee in years of service shall serve as Chair.

FOR NOMINATION FORMS: Write to the Awards Committee Co-Chair.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: All awards nominations shall be submitted to the Awards Committee Co-Chair by June 1 of each year (or earlier should the SAA annual meeting be held before the end of September).

YOU are the only one who can help us recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of Religious Collections. Let's not be without a recipient for the Sister M. Claude Lane Award at the SAA Meeting in New Orleans next fall...

Who do you know that has been involved with the SAA Religious Collections Section and has contributed to archival literature related to the section? Who has shown leadership and participated in organizing Religious Collections? Who has shown leadership in a specific Religious Collections archives?

We urge you to put on your thinking cap and send names to the subcommittee right away. If you have any questions or would like a 1993 Awards Nomination Form please contact one of the members: Sister Emma C. Busam, chair, Sister Rosalie McQuade, CSJP and Bill Sumners. Lydia Lucas is our SAA awards committee chair. Nominations must be in by May 1, 1993.

Sister Emma Cecilia Busam, O.S.U.
Archivist

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS PLEASE!

Please send your nominations to:
Peggy Hansen
Nominations Committee Chair
Archivist
Diocese of Olympia
P.O. Box 12126
Seattle, WA 98102
Fax to: 206-325-4631

The Positions to be filled are:
Vice Chair/Chair Elect (1993-1995)
At large Steering Committee Member (1993-1995)

Must be a SAA and ARCS Member

Nominations must be in by April 30, 1993.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS NOMINATION FORM 1993

Archives of Religious Collec- tions Section

*Vice Chair/Chair Elect (1993-1995):

Name:
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*At Large Steering Committee Member
(1993-1995):

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*Must be an SAA and ARCS member

Return form by April 30, 1993 to:

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P.O. Box 12126
Seattle, WA 98102

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St. Louis, MO 63131

DIRECTORY PROJECT UP-DATE

As was mentioned in the November 1992 issue of *The Archival Spirit*, the ARCS Steering Committee was to report in the next issue of the newsletter about any decision to proceed with this project. At this time, the report is that more consultation needs to take place before the project would be formally begun. At this writing, the consensus of the Steering Committee is:

1. That a more realistic timetable would include another interim report, in the next newsletter, with a hoped-for final report to be made at the section meeting.
2. That the committee will put together a draft proposal to be reviewed by Jim O'Toole, SAA Acquisitions Editor, before the next issue
3. That the project may need to be religious repositories only.
4. Further investigations will need to be made regarding potential publisher options.
5. A fuller examination is needed in regard to linkages with other professional organizations who might promote and/or co-sponsor the directory.
6. As technology may become available, an attempt should be made to determine if the directory can be published in electronic, updatable form rather than as a printed book.

These are the questions, some of which have also been discussed in the Directory Task Force report or raised at the ARCS business meeting in Montreal, and are still not fully answered. The Steering Committee felt that there was encouragement from within SAA for the project, in addition to the interest by the section.

However, questions cannot be answered until a general review is made of a preliminary proposal.

The Steering Committee would appreciate further in-put from section members. We all have concerns about further cut-backs and downsizing within our own institutions, so that cooperation and volunteer effort by all of us should be directed to utilizing our joint resources for the most useful projects. The Task Force set out the vision for the project and we now need to investigate all practical issues as well as ensure as much support for the project as possible.

By Elisabeth Wittman, ARCS Chair

BAPTISTS & THE NEWS MEDIA

If you have been waiting for the Historical Commission, SBC, to sponsor a different kind of meeting, come to Nashville, April 27-28, 1993. "Baptists and the News Media," is the annual meeting theme of the commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society. Dialogue with state paper editors, members of the denominational press, and secular news representatives on the responsibilities of denominational news media.

For more information, please contact:
The Historical Commission, SBC
901 Commerce St., Suite 400
Nashville, TN 37203-3630

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SESSIONS AT SAA '93

The following sessions include ARCS members, and in two cases are the proposals came directly from our section's initiative:

"Privacy, Secrecy and the Native American." (Traditional session.) Chair: Paul Millette, Iliff School of Theology
Speakers: Terry Thompson, Anglican Church of Canada Mark G. Thiel, Marquette University Joanne Archibald, Smithsonian Institution

"The Lone Arranger: Home Alone in an Archival Repository" (Limited enrollment workshop). Presenters: Russell Gasero, Reformed Church of America Peggy Hansen, Episcopal Diocese of Western Washington Prudence Backman, New York State Archives and Records Administration

"Starting From Scratch: Establishing an Archives/Research Facility" (Traditional session.)

Chair: Elisabeth Wittman, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Speakers: Sheree Bonaparte, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
Cynthia M. Powell-Cobb, Pacific Bell
Doris Williams, African American Resource Center

FROM THE CHAIR

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Hopefully for those coming to New Orleans, you will plan to attend the section meeting. As in years past, we will also have office hours in the exhibit hall and will hold an open steering committee/program development meeting. Look for the time of both in the SAA preliminary and final programs. In addition, over the Saturday, September 4 lunch hour, an open forum will be held by the Task Force on Sections and Roundtables. All are opportunities to give direction to the current and future work of ARCS.

SAA PRESERVATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

As you have read in the *SAA Newsletter*, this NEH-grant funded program has begun. Thus far, participants have been chosen for the Northeast and Midwest and each group has attended their first week-long workshop. Applications are still being received for the Western and Southeastern series. Evelyn Frangakis, director of the project highly encourages ARCS members/institutions to apply. Contact the SAA office for an application and other details.

In the meantime, two ARCS members are participating in the two workshop series already underway. For more information contact:

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ARCHIVISTS IN THE NEWS

On October 9, 1992, at the Homecoming chapel service here at Wheaton College, Robert Douglas Shuster was given the Alumnus of the Year award for Distinguished Service to Alma Mater. The citation stated that he was noted for his "landmark work in the Billy Graham Center Archives, bringing that collection to the attention of a large public and gaining national recognition from the archives profession, through publications and conferences, drawing national attention to the need to preserve the records of evangelical religious history."

Bob has served as the director of the Billy Graham Center Archives since 1975. After graduating from Wheaton in 1973, he earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, with a major in American history and a minor in archival administration. Another master's degree, this time in library science, is from Northern Illinois University. In 1987, the Society of American Archivists recommended Bob for the Sister M. Claude Lane award for contributions in the field of religious archives and, thanks largely to Bob's vision and efforts, the Archives in 1991 won the Society's highest prize for an institution, the Distinguished Service Award.

In addition to supervising the Archives, Bob has written articles for professional journals and served in various capacities for the Society of American Archivists. His advice has often been sought by people interested in starting new archives. Bob enjoys traveling to faraway places and is known for bringing back unique souvenirs for his staff and friends. He is also a voracious reader and collects political buttons as a hobby.

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EXHIBITS AT THE BILLY GRAHAM CENTER

The Career and Contributions of L. Nelson Bell

The most recent Archives' exhibit, opened on December 15, features the life and ministry of L. Nelson Bell. Bell served as a Presbyterian missionary surgeon in China, was the father-in-law of Billy Graham, founded *The Southern Presbyterian Journal*, and was influential in founding the evangelical periodical, *Christianity Today*. See evidence in the documents and photographs of his missionary work and his contribution to American evangelicalism. *The exhibit will be on display until mid-April on the third floor of the Billy Graham Center inside the Library entrance.*

Coming April 15, 1993

Church in Transition: From Mission to National Leadership

A major development in missions during the twentieth century has been the transfer of responsibility for church leadership and ministry from foreign missionaries to national church leaders. People who were evangelized and taught became the evangelists and teachers; the people with authority became servants. *Church in Transition*, using administrative correspondence and oral history interviews, illustrates that process and shows successes, struggles, and lessons learned. Open until mid-August, the display will be on the first floor of the Billy Graham Center opposite the east wing elevators.

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We want your news!

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We want your news!

The Editor would very much like to receive your local news or local newsletter, items of special interest in your area, and comments on current or recent projects. This information can be of interest to many. You can send your materials in electronic format, as a text, or ASCII file. We prefer 3.5" diskettes. Please mail in a diskette mailer (available at stationery stores) or with firm backing.

Mail your news to:

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Next deadline for submission of articles is June 1.

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