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Malachy R. McCarthy Receives Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., Memorial Award

CHICAGO—Malachy R. McCarthy of the Claretian Missionaries Archives is the recipient of the Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., Memorial Award, from the Society of American Archivists (SAA). The award will be presented on August 26, 2011, at *ARCHIVES 360°*, the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Chicago.

The award honors an individual archivist who has made a significant contribution to the field of religious archives. McCarthy is known for his dedication to the growth and continuing education of religious archivists. He has worked for more than 30 years in religious institutions: serving 26 years as the Archivist at Saint Anselm Abbey and College in Manchester, New Hampshire, and seven years as the Province Archivist at Claretian Missionaries Archives in Chicago.

Building on connections made during the 2007 Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, McCarthy initiated a collaborative effort among 21 archivists in the greater Chicago area, which developed into the Chicago Area Religious Archivists (CARA). This group meets twice a year for programs of archival learning, sharing and networking under the leadership of McCarthy who serves as its president. In 2007 he developed and taught "Introductory Archives Workshop for Religious Communities" with Ellen Pierce, the director of the Maryknoll Mission Archives. This workshop continues to be offered biennially by the Catholic Library Association.

As one Awards Committee member said, "Mr. McCarthy is truly a passionate archivist, educator and life-long learner, and he loves to share this passion with other religious archivists. He is involved, committed and determined to promote the archival profession."

Created in 1974, the award is funded by the Society of Southwest Archivists and honors Sister M. Claude Lane, O.P., a Dominican nun who was the first professionally trained archivist at the Catholic Archives of Texas in Austin. Sister Jane Aucoin, of the Congregation of St. Joseph, was the 2010 recipient.

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Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archival professional association. SAA's mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 6,000 individual and institutional members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. For more information, visit www.archivists.org.

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