

Implementing the Catholic Newspapers Program: Collaborative Digitization and Discovery within a Nonprofit, Distributed, Online Organization

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Catholic Research Resources Alliance

- A nonprofit membership alliance
- Forty-one academic and religious institutions in U.S. and Canada
- Mission: to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources in the Americas

Catholic Portal



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA). The header features the CRRA logo and navigation links: Home, About CRRA, CRRA Groups, The Catholic Portal, News & Events, Join, and Links & Resources. A search bar is located below the navigation, with a dropdown menu set to 'All Fields' and buttons for 'Find' and 'Advanced'. A 'Member Login' link is in the top right corner. The main content area includes a featured member collection from the University of St. Thomas, titled 'Holy Cards as Objets Trouves', which features a portrait of a man in a halo. Below this, there is a section titled 'The Catholic Portal' with a red header, followed by a section titled 'Catholic Newspapers Program' also with a red header. The text describes the CRRA's mission to provide global access to Catholic research resources and the details of the newspapers program.

- Records to over 101,000 rare and unique items
- Focus on more digital content

CRRA Catholic Newspapers Program

- Conduct an environmental scan
- Create a Directory (ICON database)
- Digitize priority papers
- Host a shared repository
- Build infrastructure for member digitization

Catholic Newspapers

- Catholic by purpose, audience or tradition
- Scattered locations
- Endangered, in brittle condition
- Not fully identified in national projects
- Threat of losing this historical perspective

12 Papers Targeted for Digitization

- Past
- Local/national
- 3 national and 9 local or diocesan papers

Why Catholic papers?

Many Catholics in the World

Which countries have the most Catholics now?

10 Countries with the Largest Number of Catholics, 2010

<i>Countries</i>	ESTIMATED 2010 CATHOLIC POPULATION	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT IS CATHOLIC, 2010	PERCENTAGE OF WORLD CATHOLIC POPULATION, 2010
Brazil	126,750,000	65.0%	11.7%
Mexico	96,450,000	85.0	8.9
Philippines	75,570,000	81.0	7.0
United States	75,380,000	24.3	7.0
Italy	49,170,000	81.2	4.6
Colombia	38,100,000	82.3	3.5
France	37,930,000	60.4	3.5
Poland	35,310,000	92.2	3.3
Spain	34,670,000	75.2	3.2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	31,210,000	47.3	2.9
World Total	1,078,790,000	15.6	100.0

Population estimates are rounded to the ten thousands. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers. Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

Pew Research Center

Significance of the Content

- Immigration
- Education
- Charities
- Cultural “the weaker sex”
- American historical perspective
- Genealogical

Boston Pilot 1829-

BOSTON COLLEGE		INFORMATION WANTED	
		A Database of Advertisements for Irish Immigrants Published in the Boston Pilot	
HOME		ABOUT	
HISTORY		RESOURCES	
ADVANCED SEARCH			
Advertisement seeking: Nellie Leary			
MISSING PERSON'S INFORMATION			
Name:	Nellie Leary		
Gender:	Female		
Age:			
Earlier Name Used:			
Alias:			
Description:			
Other:			
Maiden Name:	Walsh		
SEEKING PERSON'S INFORMATION			
Name:	Margaret Walsh		
Relation to Missing:	Sister		
Gender:	Female		
Residence:			
Multiple People:	Y		
Date of Advertisement:	02-25-1860		
Contact Name:	Howland, Daniel, Esq.		
Contact Address:	RI, E. Greenwich		
Second Seeker:			
Third Seeker:			
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Back to search results		Begin a new search	
POINT OF ORIGIN INFORMATION			
Home County:	Cork		
Parish:	Rathbarry		
Townland:	Mil town		
Barony:	Ibane & Barryroe		
Poor-Law:	Clonakilty		
WORK HISTORY			
Ireland Occupation:			
U.S. Occupation:			
Company Name:			
Work Location:			
Labor Union Member:			

Catholic Media Use in the United States, 2011

- Have read a diocesan paper in last 3 months
 - Print. 1 in 4
 - Digital. 1 in 25
- Time spent reading
 - Print. 17 minutes
 - Digital. 2 minutes

Other findings

- The most likely readers of the online edition are the oldest generation of Catholics.
- In this demographic, young Catholics are not moving to online from print as many assume.

Answer: 12 newspapers, 23 institutions, 27 individuals, 34 committee members, 2 staff, and 2 consultants.

Question: What does it take to plan the CRRA Catholic Newspapers Digitization Project?

Ethics of Collaboration by Anne Balsamo

- intellectual flexibility
- intellectual generosity
- intellectual humility
- intellectual confidence
- intellectual reliability



Go fast, go alone;
go far, go together

Thank you.