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Newsletter



Creating a National Network: NAPWR

The Women Religious Archives Collaborative along with collaborative archive repositories located at Boston College, Santa Clara University and The

Heritage and Research Center (HARC) located at Saint Mary's College in South Bend, have been in conversation to determine how to virtually network our repositories. In 2021 these four repositories formed the National Archive Project for Women Religious (NAPWR). This consortium was recently awarded a 3-year \$500,000 grant from the Hilton Foundation.



archives; assisting congregations by providing resource materials and handson expertise; and raising awareness in the greater Catholic community about the urgent need to safeguard the stories of women religious. NAPWR hopes that these initial repositories will provide a blueprint for additional centers. The consortium will be open to all repositories of women

religious archives seeking connection to a national network. Ginger Downey,

OLVM is serving as coordinator of the NAPWR consortium. Susan Durkin is the WRAC representative to the consortium. **Telling the Story**

Susan Durkin presented a webinar to LCWR members titled "National Archives Project for Women Religious: Creating a National Network." The

webinar was offered twice to leadership team members and

Prior to this year's Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)

annual conference, Ginger Downey, archival consultant, Ellen Pierce, and

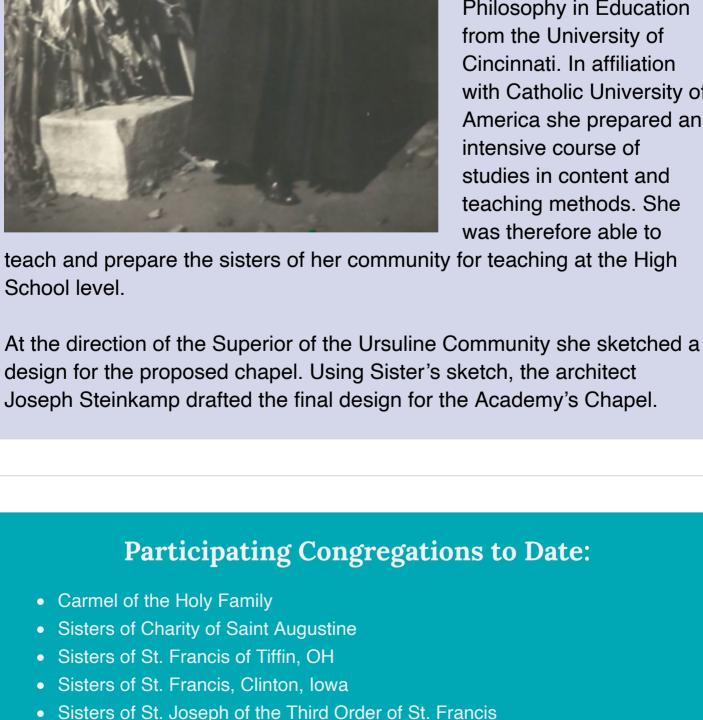
congregational archivists. Both webinars were well attended. Sisters Ginger and Susan will also be offering a workshop at the Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI) annual conference at the end of September in St. Louis. This presentation is titled "Patrimony: It Is Not Just Land and Money."

Both presentations provide information for leaders to reflect on, including

key questions to consider, options for the future of archives, engaging members and staff in the conversation, making decisions for the future of the archive, and skill sets needed to create a sustainable plan for archives. Regardless of where a congregation is on its journey, creating a long-term archival plan for sustainability and preservation of the institute's legacy is vital.







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