

Monday, June 24

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30-10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Session 1.

Sanctity, Mythmaking, and History: Sister Saints in Historical Perspective

Chair: Margaret McGuinness, LaSalle University

Sarah A. Curtis, San Francisco State University

“Writing the Lives of Saints: Archives and the Ownership of History”

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame

“Writing the Afterlives of the American Sister-Saints”

Virginia Meacham Gould, Tulane University

“Searching for Henriette Delille”

Session 2.

Diverse Narratives of African American Women Religious

Chair: Joseph Mannard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Ed Brett, LaRoche College, Pittsburgh

“‘An Intrepid Lot’: Insights Gleaned From Eight Years of Research on the Holy Family Sisters of New Orleans”

Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia

“The Civil War Experiences of the Oblate Sisters of Providence”

Shannen Dee Williams, Rutgers University

“Desegregating the Habit: Portraits of Five Pioneering Black Sisters in Historically-White Congregations in the United States”

10:00-10:30 am *Nutrition Break*

10:30-12:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Session 3.

Canadian Women Religious Across the Centuries

Chair: Jacqueline Gresko, Faculty Emeritus, Douglas College, New Westminster, British Columbia

Colleen Allyn Gray, McGill University, Quebec

“The Penitential World of Marie Barbier, 17th Century Montreal Nun, Superior and Mystic”

Maryse Cloutier-Gélinas, Université Laval, Quebec

“Addressing the Corporeality of Nineteenth-Century Laurentian Women Religious: Two Case Studies from the Region of Quebec City”

Elizabeth W. McGahan, University of New Brunswick-Saint John

“New Directions: The Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception (Saint John, NB) and the Peru Mission Experiment”

Session 4.

Race and Religion in the United States

Chair: Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts at Valparaiso University

Megan Stout Sibbel, Loyola University Chicago

“Catholic Sisters and Schools in Southern African American Communities, 1930- 1970”

Amanda Bresie, Texas Christian University

“The Business of Sanctity: Mother Katharine Drexel and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Relations”

Annie Stevens, Webster University, St. Louis

“‘Busted Again’: The Sisters of Loretto and the Underground Railroad”

Session 5.

New Nuns in a New Global Reality

Chair: Mary Oates, Regis College, Emeritus

Marian Mollin, Virginia Tech

“New Nuns on the Global Stage: Ita Ford, the Maryknoll Sisters, and the Hidden History of the Global 1960s”

Margaret Preston, Augustana College

“Mastering the Modern World of Healthcare: South Dakota’s Presentation Sisters, Sr. Colman Coakley and McKennan Hospital”

Catherine Osborne, Fordham University

“‘Their Outlook is Always Quite Different’: Annunciation Priory and the Gender of Building”

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch

1:30-3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 6.

Film: “Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America”

Discussant: Karen M. Kennelly, CSJ

Editor/Coordinator, History of Women Religious Conference

Session 7.

Gender and Religious Leadership: Historical Perspectives

Chair: Rosa Bruno-Jofré, Queens University, Ontario

Margaret Susan Thompson, Syracuse University

**“The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: Historical Context
for Current Tensions in Religious Life”**

Barbra Mann Wall, University of Pennsylvania

**“Historical Context for Health Care Policy Disputes between US Bishops and
US Sisters”**

Anne E Patrick, Carleton College

**“Changing Understandings of Virtue and Tensions Between the Vatican and
LCWR: Insights from the Twentieth Century”**

3:00-3:30pm *Nutrition Break*

3:30-5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 8.

Monasticism - Challenges and Influences in Three European Contexts

Chair: Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon; Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta

Else-Britt Nilsen, OP, Norwegian School of Theology

“Conventual Nursing in Medieval Scandinavia”

Liise Lehtsalu, Brown University

“Reporting on Women Religious in Eighteenth-Century Bologna”

Susanne Malchau Dietz, Danish Deaconess Foundation, Copenhagen

“Gender, Vocation and Professional Competencies: A Collective Biography of the Deaconesses’ Contribution to Social Welfare and Nursing Care in Denmark, 1863-2013”

Session 9.

Past and Future Partnerships: Lay Scholars and Congregational Archives

Margaret McGuinness, LaSalle University

Carol Coburn, Avila University

Joseph G. Mannard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Anne M. Butler, Utah State University, Emeritus

Moderator: Mary Kraft CSJ, Archivist, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Paul Province

5:00 pm Dinner

7:00-8:30 pm

Session 10.

Forum: LCWR

Speakers: Dolores Liptak, RSM, Sisters of Mercy, Hartford

Karen Kennelly, CSJ, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Moderator: Regina Siegfried, Adorers of the Blood of Christ, St. Louis

8:30 pm *Reception*

Tuesday, June 25

7:30 am Breakfast

8:30-10:00 am Concurrent Sessions

Session 11.

Between Worlds: Australia and the Global Network

Chair: Gemma Betros, The Australian National University

Katharine Massam, Uniting Church Theological College, MCD [Melbourne College of Divinity] University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia.

“Writing a Missionary Vocation: Spanish Benedictine Women in Western Australia”

Jane Kelly, St Mary’s College, University of Melbourne

“Letters to Link the World: Mary Gonzaga Barry (1834-1915) in Australia”

Session 12.

**Responding to Changed Conditions within the Western Canadian
Apostolate**

Chair: Heidi MacDonald, Lethbridge University, Lethbridge, Alberta

Sr Magdalen Stengler, OSU/Independent Scholar, Prelate, Saskatchewan

“Tapestry of Change: Ursulines of Prelate, 1919-2012”

Sr Teresita Kambeitz, OSU, St Thomas More College, Saskatoon; Newman
Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

"Shaping a Gentle Province: Saskatchewan's 'Sister Act'"

10:00-10:30 am *Nutrition Break*

10:30-12:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 13.

Expansion and Identity in Nineteenth Century Convents

Chair: Elizabeth W. McGahan, University of New Brunswick -Saint John

Carmen Mangion, Birkbeck, University of London

“British-Dutch Exchanges: Cultural Imperialism and the

Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy (SCMM), 1861-1900”

Moira E. Egan, Independent Scholar, New York City

“Women Religious and the Re-imagination of English Catholic Identity”

Deidre Raftery, University College Dublin

**“‘A Great Builder’- Nineteenth Century Women Religious and Strategies for
Convent Expansion in Ireland, North and South”**

Session 14.

Canadian Women Religious Respond to Vatican II: Individual and Institutional Initiatives

Chair: Mary Ann Foley, University of Scranton

Rosa Bruno-Jofre, Queens University, Ontario

“The Canadian Province of the Religieuses de Notre Dame des Missions: The Horizon Reference and Reception of Vatican II, Moving Toward a New Constellation of Meanings”

Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta

“Vatican II and Falling Membership in Congregations of Women Religious in Canada”

Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto,

“Fathers of the Council, Mothers of the Community: The Carter Family and the Second Vatican Council”

Session 15.

Changes in German and American Religious Communities After World War II

Chair: Prudence Moylan, Loyola University Chicago

Isabelle Nagel, Ruhr-University Bochum

“Transformation Processes of American and German Sisters Pre and Post Vatican II a Comparison: The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the German Good Shepherd Sisters (1950-1990)”

Markus Kroll, Ruhr-University Bochum

“Transformation Processes of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity (Heythuysen) in their German Province after WWII”

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch

1:30-3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 16.

Across National and Temporal Boundaries: Writings of Women Religious

Chair: Diane Batts Morrow, University of Georgia

Kara French, University of Michigan

“Sister Mary Ignatia Greene: A Missionary Heroine in an Age of Anti-Catholicism”

Susan Maloney, SNJM, Sisters of the Holy Names/ Independent Scholar

“Woman of Integrity: Freedom and Responsibility in the Writings of Anita M. Caspary, IHM”

Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University

“My Dear Mother, Pray for My Conversion: Spiritual Direction and Cooperation between Angelique Arnauld and Jeanne de Chantal”

Session 17.

Health, Education and Welfare

Chair: Anne Klejment, University of St. Thomas

Thomas F. Rzeznik, Seton Hall University

“Sustaining the Work of Charity: The Case of St Vincent’s Hospital (NYC)”

James T. Carroll, Iona College

“Wellsprings of Energy: Parochial Schools in the 20th Century”

Regina Bechtle, Charism Resource Director, Sisters of Charity of New York

“‘Certain Arrangements Must be Privately Agreed On’: Organizational Tensions among Religious, Clergy and Laity in Sisters of Charity Orphanages, 1814-1846”

3:30 pm Business Meeting

5:30 pm Reception – Cash Bar

6:30 pm *Awards Banquet*

Keynote Address: Ann Harrington,
Loyola University of Chicago
**"From French Priests in Japan to Irish Sisters in Iowa:
A Personal Reflection"**

Presentation of Awards:
Distinguished Book Award
Distinguished Historian Award

Wednesday, June 26

7:30 am Breakfast

8:45-10:15 am Concurrent Sessions

Session 18.

Women Religious in France: Managing Individual and Communal Challenges

Chair: Colleen Allyn Gray, McGill University, Quebec

Gemma Betros, The Australian National University

“Managing Suppression: Leadership, Survival, and Spirituality in the Aftermath of the French Revolution’s Suppression of Convents, 1792-1801”

Mary Hayes, Trinity College, Washington, DC

“Julie Billiard and Saint Esteve de Sambucy: Opposing Visions of Religious Life”

Kathleen J. Barker, Northeastern University / Massachusetts Historical Society

“Maintaining Religious Communities in Times of Crisis”

Session 19.

Vatican II: Stimulus and Response (s)

Chair: Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto

Louise O’Reilly, NUI, Maynooth, Ireland

“The Impact of Vatican II on the Lives of Women Religious: A Comparative Study”

Bren Ortega Murphy, Loyola University of Chicago

“Dressing for Success: The Evolving Effect of Vatican II on Religious Attire”

Patricia Wittberg, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis

“The Problems of Generations in Religious Life”

10:15-10:30 am *Nutrition Break*

10:45-12:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 20.

The Sisters of the Visitation: Managing Individual & Institutional Realities in the Nineteenth-Century American South

Chair: M. Christine Anderson, Xavier University, Cincinnati

Joseph G. Mannard, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

“Fostering the Maryland Tradition: Southern Culture and Identity in Antebellum Visitation Convents”

Barbara J. Howe, West Virginia University

“Managing Individual and Institutional Realities: The Wheeling Visitandines in the 1860s”

Session 21.

Comparative Analysis of Mentoring by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan, and Scranton, Pennsylvania

Chair: James Carroll, Iona College

Melanie Carroll, Syracuse University

“Qualitative Study on Mid-Twentieth Century Mentoring of Parochial School Educators by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton, Pennsylvania”

Maxine Kollasch, IHM, A Nun’s Life Ministry

“A Quantitative Approach to Mid-twentieth Century Theological Mentoring of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe, Michigan

12:00 Noon *Box Lunch*

NOTE: Questions regarding the Program should be addressed to Elizabeth W. McGahan, Program Chair, emcgahan@nbnnet.nb.ca or Mary E. Kraft CSJ, Local Arrangements Coordinator, mkraft@csjstpaul.org