



# ACWR NEWS

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## NEW VICE PRESIDENT and TREASURER ELECTED

by Patricia A. Hodge, RSM

In early March, the ACWR Election Committee advised the Board that the final voting tally resulted in the election of *Dolores Liptak, RSM*, as Vice President/President-Elect, and *Joann Kessler, OSU*, as Treasurer.

Serving as the first President of ACWR from 1992-94, Dolores returns to the Board in late August as incoming Vice President while *Aita King, SC*, moves from that position to succeed *Marjorie Buttner, OP*, as new President of the organization.

As Archivist for the Ursuline Sisters of Pepper Pike, Ohio, incoming Treasurer *Joann Kessler, OSU*, will take over the financial duties which current Treasurer *Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP*, has managed since her two-year term began in 1995.

The Election Committee report submitted to the Executive Secretary as of March 7 indicates that 142 members cast ballots during the election process.

As the Board and membership congratulate both *Dolores Liptak, RSM*, and *Joann Kessler, OSU*, so a sincere word of gratitude is shared with the members of the Election Committee: Chairperson *Judith Campbell, OP*, *Margaret Harrison, OP*, and *Ellen Pierce*.

See photographs on Page 3

## SINSINAWA PREVIEWS . . .

Four major sessions will hold participants from August 21-24.

### ● ACWR/LCWR Personnel Records vis-a-vis Litigation

by Patricia A. Hodge, RSM

At the ACWR/LCWR Personnel Records session scheduled for the Sinsinawa Conference in August, *Catherine Ryan, OSF*, School Sister of Saint Francis and Attorney-at-Law, will speak to participants on the topic: "Completeness of Records in Light of Present-Day Litigation."

Named during the past year as Chief of the Juvenile Court System for the State Attorney's Office in Cook County, Illinois, Catherine is described in a *New York Times* article, Jan. 3, 1997, continued on p. 4

### ● ACWR INSTITUTE OFFERINGS at SINSINAWA CONFERENCE

by Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP

The Institute offerings at ACWR's Sinsinawa Conference build upon the conference theme: "To the 21st Century--Service and Savvy." Four Institute sessions will invite participants to walk confidently toward the millennium, at home in their role as servants of history and assured in the techniques of acquiring, arranging, preserving, and recording history.

Session one, "Getting Started," addresses the multiple issues involved in beginning an archives program or beginning as an continued on p. 4

### ● BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING

by Mary Serbacki, OSF

As President Clinton called for building "bridges to the twenty-first century," so we archivists are called to build "bridges of understanding" with our respective administrative bodies. The "Bridges" session at the August 21-24 Sinsinawa conference promises to be both informative and enlivening.

A combined-presentation/open discussion format will bring together representatives from the archives of a large congregation with an international presence (*Martha Bourne* of continued on p. 4

### ● "HERITAGE IN THE ACTIVE VOICE"

by Rose Matthew Mangini, IHM

Planning for the future is precarious business at best but can only be done within the heritage of charism. *Making Heritage Visible* is an ongoing mission of the archivist and historian as women religious "re-format" their work within the church and society. During the Sinsinawa conference participants will explore and share: *displaying heritage, partnering with and outreach to the local community and the archivist/historian in different roles: initiator, cooperater, monitor, supporter*. Dialog, continued on p. 4

### WORD TO THE WISE !!!

Register early for the Sinsinawa conference scheduled for August 21-24, 1997.

ALL REGISTRATIONS must be received by AUGUST 1, 1997!

See Program/Registration on pages 5-7.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

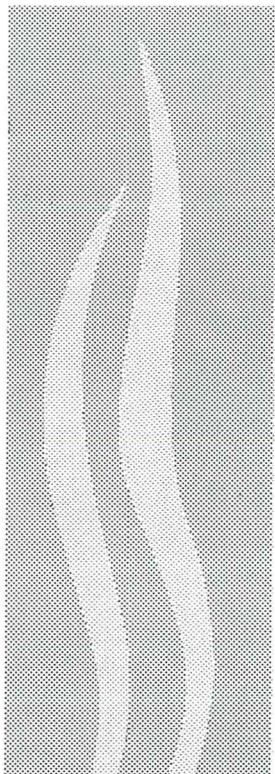
by Marjorie Buttner, OP  
President, ACWA

"To the 21st Century: Service and Savvy." Every word in the theme of the 1997 ACWA Sinsinawa Conference is rich in meaning. The word "to" implies motion, a future orientation. So often archivists are thought of as being buried in the past. We know this is a misconception. We are preserving our records for the future as well as for the increasing number of historians who are beginning to appreciate the place of religious communities in the history of both the State and the Church.

We archivists want and are expected to give service to researchers beginning with our own communities and spreading out to the larger community. The core sessions of the conference--*ACWA/ACWA Connections; Bridging the Relationship Between Leadership and Archivists; Making History Visible* and establishing an *ACWA Institute*-- have as their first priority, the enhancement of our ability to give service in all aspects of our work. But without knowledge, learning and "savvy" the service we give will be limited.

As you will read later in this issue of ACWA NEWS the 1997 Conference is rich in learning experiences. Some are structured as in the program and, for me, of them the best learning sessions are in the informal discussions with others who share my own experiences and problems and the joy of our solutions and successes.

Welcome to Sinsinawa in August as we journey together to the 21st century with service and savvy.



### THANK YOU ALL FOR CARING & SHARING !

Donations to ACWA have  
been gratefully received from:

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## ARCHIVAL TRAIL SERIES . . .

### CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ARCHIVES ~ NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA ~ FLOOD !

by Hyacinth Breaux, O. Carm.



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In May of 1985, our archives in Lacombe, Louisiana were under six feet of water for three days. When the water receded, our most important documents were sent to Munters in Texas to be freeze-dried. Damage was significant.

In midsummer when our material was returned, fellow-archivists from the New Orleans area volunteered to help restore the damaged materials. They removed covers which fell apart when touched, cut and photocopied the contents for transfer to acid-free folders.



Water damaged documents, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Archives

For over a year, work continued on the records. Often the contents of the document boxes were water-damaged--sometimes the print simply rolled from the page in flaky dust. If any but black ink had been used, the writing was at least partially erased.

Frequently papers were steam-ironed to remove wrinkles before re-filing.

In early January 1997, the first phase of the restoration was completed, and the last crushed box had been replaced.

Now, in the second phase of the work, replacements are being solicited for many of our basic documents and the histories of our foundations. Much photocopying of damaged material remains to be attended to, and damaged books will be sent for rebinding and restoration. □



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## FIRST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY "WRAPS IT UP"

by Mary Serbacki, OSF



Patricia A. Hodge, RSM

April 30, 1997, marks a turning point in ACWR's short history. Patricia A. Hodge, RSM, the organization's first ever Executive Secretary, concludes her service at that time. Pat was tapped for her position in December 1992 by the first elected Executive Committee and formally assumed the position in March, 1993.

In the ensuing months and years, Pat undertook many tasks and projects. Among the numerous and wide-ranging responsibilities entrusted to her, perhaps the most formidable were the establishment of the ACWR national office, the development of the Articles of Incorporation and shepherding them through the complexities of the legal system of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the preparation of the organization's By-Laws.

Through it all Pat showed herself a woman who could accept and respond to a challenge. Her firm belief in the organization allowed her to work well with the various board members over the years. She represented ACWR to both the membership and the public with grace and efficiency.

*"Without Pat Hodge the ACWR would not have*

*the solid foundation it enjoys today,"* said Dolores Liptak, RSM, first ACWR President. *"She helped us to set the course, and her organizational abilities allowed her to accomplish twice as many things in half the time, without complaint."*

Patricia leaves the post of Executive Secretary to take on increased congregational responsibilities within the Mercy Archives in Pittsburgh. In her August 1996 report to the membership she stated, *"It has been a pleasure for me to initiate the first national office of the ACWR as of 1993 and to keep the momentum of that office going until the present time."*

Thank you Pat! Blessings and good wishes!



In March 1993 the first group of ACWR elected officers met in Pittsburgh to interview Patricia A. Hodge, RSM (center) for the new position of ACWR Executive Secretary. Celeste Rabaut, IHM (left) and Mary Serbacki, OSF (right), then Treasurer and Vice President respectively, are shown above. Photographer: Dolores Liptak, RSM, then President of ACWR.

## ACWR OFFICERS . . . FIRST . . . and NEW . . .



1991~1993 - First national officers of ACWR  
*Left to Right:* Beatrice Weisner, SNJM, Secretary;  
 Dolores Liptak, RSM, President; Celeste Rabaut, IHM,  
 Treasurer; Mary Serbacki, OSF, Vice-President



Newly elected for 1997~August  
*Left to Right:* Dolores Liptak, RSM, Vice-President &  
 President Elect; Joann Kessler, OSU, Treasurer



### ACWR/LCWR (continued from p. 1)

written by Dirk Johnson as "a formidable lawyer." Her work in the legal system, according to the above cited article, is primarily administrative and policy-making.

A graduate of Northwestern University Law School, Catherine presented her thinking on the subject of confidentiality of records at the annual Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) several years ago.

ACWR Past President Emma Cecilia Busam, OSU, and Incoming Vice President Dolores Uptak, RSM, will serve as coordinators of this Sinsinawa work session at which Attorney Catherine Ryan, OSF will speak.

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### INSTITUTE (continued from p. 1)

archivist. Session two "From 'Boxes Everywhere' to Arrangement and Description" instructs the archivist in the fundamentals of arrangement and description. Session three "Putting A Records Management System In Place" takes the archivist a step farther in the classification of records and in the scheduling of records transfers. Session four "Capturing and Sharing the Wealth: Oral History" opens the door for the archivist to pursue oral history as a service to the congregation and shares criteria for appraising oral histories.

ACWR colleague to colleagues, these sessions will prove to be enriching and enjoyable for participants and partners alike.

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### BRIDGES (continued from p. 1)

Maryknoll Sisters Archives), a smaller monastic archives (Carm Ternes, Archives of the Benedictine Monastery of Saint Gertrude), and a member of an administrative team (TBA).

Panelists will address a number of the issues revolving around the interaction between the archivist/archival program and the congregational/provincial leadership. These issues include increased understanding of roles, expectations, and methods of mutual service and support. These are issues of interest to both the experienced and the new archivist as well as those in leadership roles.

Participants attending this session will be drawn into the discussion as the conversation widens to allow opportunity for questions and exchange of experiences.

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### HERITAGE (continued from p. 1)

presentation and sharing among archivist and historians will be aimed at increasing internal and public understanding of women religious as key builders in social, cultural and spiritual growth in American society.

**You can help plan this session** by sharing your *questions, concerns, special interests* and hopefully, *your willingness* to be involved **right now!** Please FAX (313.457.1890), E-Mail (archivesihm@juno.com) or send to Rose Matthew Mangini, IHM, 610 West Elm Avenue, Monroe, Michigan 48162-7090. Working group members from the ACWR San Diego conference are particularly invited to help complete planning for the summer.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

Kudos to all of you who were involved in publication of the November 1996 issue of ACWR NEWS I

It was replete with much good news from the report of the meeting at the SAA Convention in San Diego to the forthcoming Sinsinawa gathering in August 1997.

The President's message about future collaboration between the Leadership Conference and ACWR, and communication between congregational leadership and archivists is very good news, also.

The detailed notes about the nitty-gritty activities of the ACWR Second National Conference are very helpful for those planning to travel to Sinsinawa.

Please continue the good work you are doing. You and your activities are in my prayers. I look forward to seeing you in Sinsinawa in August 1997.

*Sister Andrew Persing, OSF  
Congregational Archivist*



# ACWR SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## SINSINAWA, WISCONSIN

AUGUST 21-24, 1997

### PROGRAM

#### THURSDAY ~ August 21, 1997

3:00 - 7:30 PM Registration  
6:00 Supper  
7:30 Greetings, Announcements, Reception

#### FRIDAY ~ August 22, 1997

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Plenary Session  
9:40 - 11:50 Core Sessions:

- A ACWR/LCWR Connections, Including Litigation Issues**  
Coordinators: *Emma Cecilia Busam, OSU and Dolores Liptak, ASM*
- B BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING: Leadership and Archivists**  
Coordinator: *Mary Serbacki, OSF*
- C ACWR INSTITUTE**  
Coordinator: *Rosalie McQuaide, CSJP*
- D HERITAGE IN THE ACTIVE VOICE: Making Heritage Visible**  
Coordinator: *Rose Matthew Mangini, IHM*

12:00 Noon Dinner  
1:00 PM TOURS:

- 1 Dubuque Trolley to BVM Motherhouse Heritage Room and Loras College Rare Books Collection and Archives. Includes the Center for Dubuque History with its outstanding photograph collection. Pre-registration required-\$10.00.
- 2 Newly Renovated Mazzuchelli Exhibit at Sinsinawa
- 3 Vintage Buildings at Sinsinawa: Blackhawk War Fort ~ 1832, Stone Building ~ 1846, Convent Renovations ~ 1990's
- 4 Sinsinawa Dominican Archives
- 5 Sinsinawa Farm and/or Nature Trails
- 6 Other: Information will be available for those who wish to investigate the historical towns near Sinsinawa on their own: Dubuque, Iowa; Galena, Illinois; Platteville, Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and others.

6:00 Supper  
7:30 *Father William Wilke, Loras College, Dubuque, on his adventures in archives around the world*  
8:30 Social

#### SATURDAY ~ August 23, 1997

8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 - 11:50 Core Sessions - as listed for Friday  
12:00 Noon Dinner  
2:00 - 3:30 PM Open Spaces/Interest Groups  
3:45 ACWR Business Meeting  
5:00 Liturgy  
6:00 Supper  
7:30

*Janet Welsh, OP: Use of archives and research on her dissertation: Where the Spirit Dwells: Catholic and Protestant Women and the Development of Christianity in the Upper Mississippi River Valley Lead Mine Region ~ 1830 - 1870*

8:30 Social

#### SUNDAY ~ August 24, 1997

8:00 AM Breakfast  
9:00 Plenary Session/Wrap Up

- Feedback from Core Sessions
- Reports from Open Spaces/Interest Groups
- Preview of WRA (scheduled for SAA Meeting in Chicago)
- Evaluation of the 1997 Conference
- Final Words

12:00 Noon Dinner



# DIRECTIONS FOR DRIVERS . . .

- **From Dubuque**

From Highway 52 N (Central Ave.), follow 52 to 18th Street. Turn left on 18th. Follow 151, 61 N to Highway 11 E. Follow Highway 11 to County Z Road (about 2 miles).

From Highway 20 W and/or 52, 151, 61 S, go to 1st St. and follow 151, 61 N to Highway 11 E, then follow Highway 11 to County Z Road (about 2 miles), **OR**

Take Highway 20 E across the Julien Dubuque Bridge. Turn Right and follow Highway 35 to Highway 11. Turn Right and follow 11 to County Z Road (about 2 miles).

- **From Madison (80 Miles)**

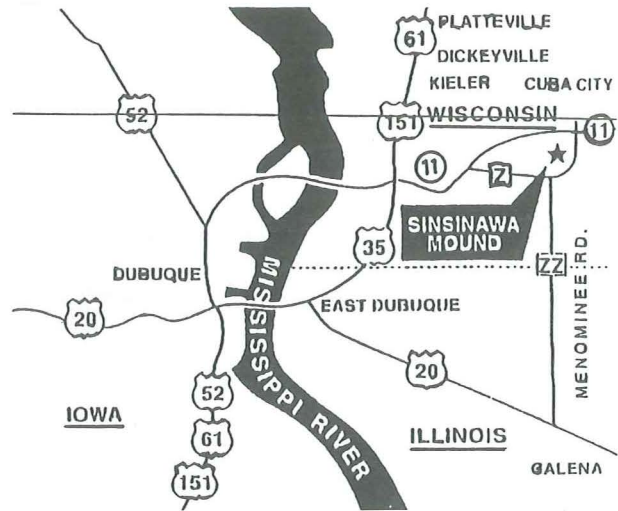
Follow Route 151 W to Platteville. At the intersection of Rt. 151 & 80, turn left--toward Cuba City. South of Cuba City, pick up Hwy 11 and follow it through Hazel Green. Continue on to County Z Road; turn left and continue for about a mile.

- **From Chicago (170 miles)**

Follow I-90 from Chicago to Rockford. Take Rt. 20 from Rockford through Galena. After Galena, watch for Menominee & Sinsinawa sign on the right. Right turn on Menominee. At County Z Rd. turn right and go to last entrance for parking lot.

## ★ SINSINAWA MOUND CENTER

on County Road Z off Hwy. 11  
Sinsinawa, Wisconsin 53824-9999  
(608) 748-4411



- **From Milwaukee (160 Miles)**  
Follow I-43 to Beloit and pick up Rt. 81. Follow 81 to Rt. 11 and continue on 11 to County Z Rd. Turn left at County Z and continue to Sinsinawa.
- 75 miles from Quad Cities  
220 miles from Green Bay  
120 miles from La Crosse  
200 miles from Des Moines

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Archivists from the same congregation who wish to gather as a sub-group during the Sinsinawa Conference are encouraged to do so between 1:30 and 3:30 PM on Saturday, August 23.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

As of mid-February, 1997, the complete ACWR membership count was 260--an all-time high! New members include:

Marla Bakich, FDC, *Ohio*  
Susan Bauman, CDP, *Kentucky*  
Maria Christine Behlow, OP, *California*  
Chrysantha Bury, OSBM, *Pennsylvania*  
Madeleine Carey, SHJM, *California*  
Virginia Connors, SSS, *Maine*  
Gemma Cascio, FSR, *New Jersey*  
Thomas More Daly, OSU, *Illinois*  
Ann Diehl, CSJ, *Minnesota*  
Alberta Dieker, OSB, *Oregon*  
Geraldine Donovan, OSF, *New York*

Sharon Rose Eshleman, OLVM, *Indiana*  
Angela Feeney, PBVM, *Iowa*  
Jean Heavey, RSHM, *California*  
M. Luke Hoschette, OSB, *Utah*  
Noreen Jutte, CPPS, *Ohio*  
Gertrud Kim, OSB, *Nebraska*  
Eileen Valerie Kulacz, OSF, *Pennsylvania*  
M. Gerald Lavoy, OP, *California*  
Helen Marguerite Leddy, OP, *New Jersey*  
Diane Liston, OSB, *Colorado*  
Giovanna Mapelli, OSB, *California*  
Mary Marcotte, CRSD, *New York*  
Audrey Martin, OSB, *North Dakota*  
Ms. Lois A. Martin, *Indiana*  
Mary Anthony Menting, SCSC, *Wisconsin*  
Jean Meyer, OP, *New York*  
Gertrude Myrick, RSM, *Vermont*  
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Kathleen McDonagh, IWBS, *Texas*  
Mary Alice O'Brien, RDC, *New York*  
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Sarah Schwartzberg, OSB, *Missouri*  
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Denise Severt, CSJ, *Kansas*  
Sister Provincial, OSF, *California*  
Catherine Sopko, RSM, *Ohio*  
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Marilyn Sullivan, SSJ, *Michigan*  
Joan Verner, SC, *Nova Scotia*  
Marilyn Ward, RSM, *Iowa*  
Mary Simplicia Wyltrwal, CSSF, *New York*

ACWR SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ♦ SINSINAWA, WISCONSIN ♦ AUGUST 21 - 24, 1997

*"To the 21st Century: Service and Savvy"*

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ACWR Member:  YES  NO

Please check where appropriate:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Fee	\$150	\$165	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter Fee	\$85	\$95	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Fee: DATE: _____ / _____ Fr/Aug 22 Sat/Aug 23	Day/ \$35	Day/ \$35	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dubuque Trolley Tour (Fri. Aug. 22)(limited no.) *Payment due with Registration Form	\$10	\$10	*\$ _____
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WORKSHOP most likely to attend:  ACWR/LCWR  ACWR INSTITUTE  BRIDGES  HERITAGE

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## CALENDAR

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For your information. . .

- April 25-26** Annual Meeting of New England Archivists/Society of Maine Archivists at the University of Maine at Orono. Contact Murial Sanford: 207-581-1686.
- May 1-3** Annual Spring Meeting of Midwest Archives Conference, Midland Hotel, Chicago. Contact Laura Graedel: 312-684-1414, Ex. 2496.
- June 5-7** Annual Meeting of Association of Canadian Archivists: *"Archives as a Place of Custody, Memory, and Information,"* In Ottawa. Contact ACA: 613-443-0251 or FAX to 613-443-0261.
- June 16-21** Annual Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, Madison, Wisconsin. Telephone contact 202-501-5610.
- August 21-24** Conference sponsored by Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious, in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. Contact Marjorie Buttner, OP, at 608-7648-4411, Ex. 277. Register before August 1.
- August 27-31** Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. Contact 312-922-0140.
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