



"...the archive of Religious Communities is not a place where one takes refuge in the past but rather the space where one opens up to the future."

Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church 1994

Our Roots...

ACWR, a national organization of approximately 350 members, was born out of awareness that religious archives are unique. A separate organization was needed to address their issues. The first meeting, initiated by a small group of women religious, was held as a roundtable at the 1990 Conference of the Society of American Archivists.

ACWR has grown as an independent organization with a national office in Mount Saint Joseph, Ohio, in the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. **ACWR** promotes networking and professionalism in archives and records management through an annual meeting at SAA, a triennial conference and workshops, newsletters, available mentoring and a website.

ACWR is open to archivists of women's religious congregations, historians of women's history, and anyone supportive of its mission. An executive board sets policy for the organization and carries out its operations. **ACWR** depends on donations from individuals and congregations to cover expenses.

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Linking Yesterday and Tomorrow



Have You Ever...



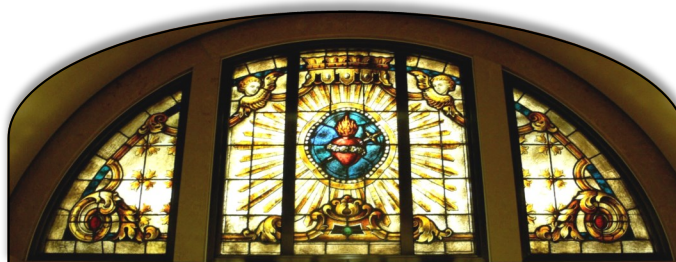
- ◆ *felt lost in a maze of records and did not know where to turn for help?*
- ◆ *wondered how other archivists for religious congregations managed their archives?*
- ◆ *longed for the opportunity to meet other archivists with problems similar to yours?*
- ◆ *returned from a workshop or meeting somewhat disappointed that problems and questions unique to your archives were not discussed?*

Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (**ACWR**) is the answer! **ACWR** is a professional organization established to bring archivists, historians and researchers together to confront current issues and problems, and to explore needs and opportunities facing religious women's archives today.

ACWR members benefit from the expertise and resources of many knowledgeable and qualified archivists throughout the country. As a member of **ACWR**, you will have access to a semi annual newsletter as well as resources, news, useful links, and other opportunities through our website —

www.archivistsacwr.org

In addition to opportunities for interaction, you will have access to educational programs specifically developed for archivists for congregations of women religious. You will also meet archivists who share your concern about witnessing to the past so that future generations will know and cherish our history.



Our Mission...

The Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (**ACWR**) is a professional organization dedicated to achieving the following objectives:

- ◆ Collaborate with women's religious congregations in long-range planning for preservation of archival resources;
- ◆ Share archival and records management expertise with **ACWR** as well as in broader archival circles;
- ◆ Encourage professional growth, and commitment to the archival profession through **ACWR** membership;
- ◆ Develop documentation strategies to assure access to historical resources maintained by women's religious congregations;
- ◆ Enhance professional services of researchers, writers, and archivists of women's religious congregations through collaborative archival efforts;
- ◆ Collaborate actively and effectively with the Conference on the History of Women Religious and all historians who conduct research in the field of women's studies and church history.



ACWR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

To become a member of **ACWR** complete this application form and return it to the address below. **ACWR** depends on donations from individuals and congregations to cover expenses.

Name: First Last Congregational Initials

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