Introducing the Catholic News Archive:

Catholic news of yesterday, today, and tomorrow

- A fully-searchable digital repository of Catholic newspapers
- Free online access to parishioners, students, Church leaders, newspaper staff, scholars
- Digital archiving for preservation and access
- Check it out at thecatholicnewsarchive.org

The Catholic News Archive opened in fall 2016. It is a project of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance, a nonprofit membership alliance, developed in partnership with newspapers, diocesan archives, and financial supporters to meet the need for online access and digital preservation of Catholic newspapers. Since then, the News Archive has grown steadily in content and use with over 145,000 users in 2021. It has become a news source regularly consulted by journalists, Church leaders, researchers, and readers worldwide.

Are you interested in hosting your paper in the Archive? The Catholic News Archive Community News Hosting Service provides a secure, reliable and search-engine-friendly hosting platform for publishers of Catholic news seeking to maintain an online archive of current and/or historical issues. If your paper is not digitized, CRRA can provide information on digitization and metadata standards, specifications, costs, and vendors. Send queries to admin@catholicresearch.org.

Benefits of including your paper in the Catholic News Archive

- Leverage the power of this central repository!
- Increase engagement with rich searching across archived issues
- Have your content seen in a Catholic News Community
- Drive traffic to your site (we get 45K+ page views per month)
- Find useful and nostalgic information of interest to your readers
- Reduce your hosting costs
- Benefit from cost sharing
- Increase avenues for readers to find you
- Have your files search engine optimized following industry standards.
- Post your publication as part of your publishing process.
- Ensure digital archiving.
- Make your content available in the Catholic News Archive and on your platforms, increasing traffic to your digital channels.
- Receive unlimited storage for your issues.
- Benefit from the network of 50 leading Catholic academic libraries, the Catholic News Service, and diocesan and religious order archives, whose mission is to provide enduring global access to Catholic content.
The Catholic Church needs to have its history easily accessible to researchers and interested readers, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. The CRRA digitizing project will allow us to tell our story directly and effectively.

--The Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans

Journalism has been called the first rough draft of history. Looking beyond the main headlines of old newspapers, at minor stories and even advertising, gives us a sense of the culture of a particular time, and helps us place past and current events in historical perspective. For Catholics who wish to look back on the revolutionary changes that took place in the Church in the 1960s, the Catholic News Archive offers compelling reading.

--K. E. Colombini, First Things, May 18, 2017

Having our content hosted by CRRA assures we have a "forever" solution provided by an entity more interested in our community than in making a profit.

--Helen Osman, Interim Director of Communications, Diocese of Oakland, CA.

The leading online sources ... are largely focused on municipal and trade newspapers with Catholic newspapers conspicuously under-represented. [... ] But think how much more significant it would be if all Catholic newspapers were online, ensuring that the Catholic tradition, experiences, and views of Catholics continue to be part of the American dialog.

--Dr. Timothy Meagher, Associate Professor of History, Curator of American Catholic History Collection and University Archivist, The Catholic University of America

Having the CNS newsfeeds from 1920 to the 1960s digitized will allow access for the first time to anyone with the Internet because previously the microfilm was only available in three collections in the U.S. Thanks to the CRRA grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign. Now to digitize the rest!

--Katherine Nuss, Information and Archive Services for CNS and the USCCB

My students and I frequently use Catholic newspapers to illuminate how Catholicism engages with the broader context in which it exists.

--Dr. James P. McCartin, Director, Fordham University Center on Religion and Culture

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