



FUTURE OF CATHOLIC ARCHIVES

Marist Archivist Susan Illis attended “Envisioning the Future of Catholic Religious Archives” a working conference held at Boston College in July. The conference underscored the necessity of preserving the archives of religious communities and opened discussions on the fate of the collections as some communities reach completion. Several of the talks have been posted on the Boston College Libraries’ YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFUPK3hS97eY6y3hv2sfll3ZxKp3lrbv->

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ST. PETER CHANEL EXHIBIT

In commemoration of St. Peter Chanel Day, April 28, at Marist School in Atlanta, the provincial archives worked with the school’s archives and art department to create an exhibit in the school’s main office. The display featured artifacts and archival material from the provincial archives as well as scanned items from the General House archives in Rome.

The left case focused primarily on St. Peter Chanel, including reproductions of some of his letters and journals from Rome, as well as photographs and a poster from his canonization. A reproduction of a map of the South Pacific showed locations where Marists have served as missionaries.

Several objects from the missions in the South Pacific were displayed in the case on the right side. Marist student Michael McDevitt ('19) researched the meaning of a large tapa cloth that was framed for exhibition. Two walking sticks recently donated to the archives by Reverend Joseph Wilhelm, SM were also displayed.

The exhibit was a collaborative effort, with contributions made by Reverend Frank Kissel, SM (Provincial Archivist), Louisa Moffett, Michael Bieze, Reverend Carlo Maria Schianchi, SM, Michael McDevitt and Susan Illis, Marist Archivist. Also, thank you to Very Reverend John Harhager, SM for suggesting the exhibit last year and to the Office of the Provincial for financial support.

The exhibit was well received, and some of the items will be displayed later this year in the library outside the school’s archives.

