

The current historical period presents the Church with numerous changes (shortage of priests, mergers and amalgamations of parishes, the advent of digital technology, etc.), which inevitably also have repercussions on ecclesiastical archives.

Through international discussion, this conference aims to view change as a challenge and an opportunity, rather than a negative event.

The following topics will be addressed through round table discussions: challenges and changes within the Church; the sustainability of ecclesiastical archives and their enhancement; the preservation, enhancement and communication of archival heritage; digital technology; best practices.



18 MAY PROGRAMME

CURHAUS - STEPHANSPLATZ, 3 VIENNA

12.00 Registration

13.30 Institutional greetings

14.00 Opening address

Mons. Angelo Vincenzo Zani

Archivist and Librarian Emeritus of S.R.C. (VA)

14.45 Discussion

15.30 Break

16.00 Round Table: Challenges and changes within the Church

Martin Barus

Diocese of Litoměřice (CZ)

Marie Plevová

Diocese of Brno (CZ)

Thomas Scharf-Wrede

Federal Conference of Church Archives in Germany (DE)

Igor Filipič

Archdiocese of Maribor (SI)

Gerald Hirtner

Archabbey of St. Peter in Salzburg (AT)

19.00 Reception

19 MAY PROGRAMME

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9.00 Round Table:
The Sustainability of
Ecclesiastical Archives

Mateusz Żmudziński

*Association of Ecclesiastical Archivists of Poland;
University of Warsaw (PL)*

Pedro Silva Rei

*UCP-CEHR - Centre for Religious History Studies
of Portugal (PT)*

Serge Sollogoub

Catholic Institute of Paris (FR)

10.30 Break

11.00 Round Table:
Digital Technology

Tone Krampač

Archdiocese of Ljubljana (SI)

Isabella Zöchling

ECJ Province of the Jesuits - Vienna (AT)

Anabella Baroso

Diocese of Bilbao (ES)

Licia Meloni

Diocese of Iglesias (IT)

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Round Table:
Conservation, enhancement
and communication of
archival heritage

Zlňay Stanislav

Archdiocese of Trnava (SK)

Alice Borges Gago

*UCP-CEHR - Centre for Religious History Studies
of Portugal (PT)*

Martin Bošanský

Diocese of Nitra (SK)

Miriam Trojer

*Premonstratensian Abbey of Wilten; Austrian
Conference of Religious Orders (AT)*

Francesca Maria D'Agnelli

*National Office for Ecclesiastical Cultural
Heritage and Religious Buildings of the CEI (IT)*

Simone Marchesani

Archdiocese of Bologna (IT)

Balázs Karlinszky

Archdiocese of Veszprém (HU)

Joanna Napierata

Archdiocese of Poznań (PL)

18.00 Visit to the Archives of the
Teutonic Order

Meeting point: Singerstraße 1

20 MAY PROGRAMME

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9.00 Round Table: Best practices

Luka Tul

Diocese of Koper (SI)

Lilijana Urlep

Archdiocese of Maribor (SI)

Michał Sołomieniuk

*Association of Ecclesiastical Archivists of Poland;
Archdiocese of Gniezno (PL)*

Baumgartl Leonhard

Diocese of Linz (AT)

Sonja Führer

Archabbey of St. Peter in Salzburg (AT)

Marie Rablat

Association of Church Archivists of France (FR)

Vlatka Lemić

University of Zagreb (HR)

Karin Mayer

Austrian Conference of Religious Orders (AT)

10.30 Break

11.00 Discussion and conclusion of the conference

12.30 Lunch (optional)

14.00 Visit to the Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv

Meeting point: Minoritenplatz 1

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

To register, please send the completed registration form, which can be downloaded from www.archivaecclisiae.org and www.icar-us.eu, to segreteria@archivaecclisiae.org by 26/04/2026.

A copy of the payment receipt must be attached.

PARTICIPATION FEE

EUR 30

The participation fee includes dinner on 18 May and lunch on 19 and 20 May.

PAYMENT

The participation fee can be paid to the following account:

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Associazione Archivistica Ecclesiastica,
Piazza San Calisto 16 - 00153 Rome
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CHALLENGES
AND OPPORTUNITIES

VIENNA, 18-20 MAY 2026

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