

I am a MLIS student at San Jose State University, and an archival intern working at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, California. I have spent my Fall semester of 2010 digitizing a deteriorating analog tape collection containing lectures and talks from the late 1950s to the late 1970s pertaining to Vatican II reforms. Many of these talks, given by Jesuit priests, hold historic information on the political environment of the times. In addition, these same Jesuits united against religious intolerance to form the GTU which has been a crossroads for religious tolerance since its founding in 1969.

Several of the tapes are already far too damaged by time to be digitized by the resources provided by the GTU and will have to be outsourced when funding is found. However, the tapes that have been digitally preserved sit waiting on OCLC's ContentDM to be published. We can't legally publish the lectures because the GTU doesn't hold the copyright, and we don't know who might. It would be wonderful if educational and historical resources such as these could see their way into the public domain.

I fully support this legislation sponsored by ARSC.

Thank you,

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