

**History of Religiosity in Latin America Online: The CIDOC Collection (CIDO)**

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Until recently, it was very difficult for sociologists, anthropologists, historians of attitudes and social psychologists, to develop the study of religion in modern Latin America into a field of teaching and research. The documents pertaining to the colonial period are preserved and often well edited, but the publications of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries that deal with local devotions and syncretist rituals, religious iconography and poetry, and the pastoral campaigns of the various churches and sects, remained unnoticed until the early 1960s, when Ivan Illich, the noted Austrian Catholic priest, theologian, philosopher, and social critic, founded the Centro Intercultural de Documentación (CIDOC) in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Initially a research center offering language courses to North American missionaries, CIDOC became a hub of intellectual activity that helped influence education and social change in Latin America. It also generated controversy with the Catholic Church.

One initiative of Illich’s was the creation of the CIDOC Library. Under the care of Valentina Borremans, a Belgian deep-sea diver and librarian, the CIDOC collection of nineteenth and twentieth century church documents grew and is still growing vigorously after having become part of El Colegio de México. The collection is the result of Borremans traveling throughout Latin America, scanning church handbills, posters, bulletins, serials, and other printed materials, resulting in approximately 48,000 fiche pages. Illich passed away in 2002. Borremans continues to guard his legacy and this collection.

This vast collection includes the following topics:

* Latin American Studies
* History of religion
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* Roman Catholic Church
* Church discipline, administration, politics and associations
* History of religious orders and mission territories
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* Pastoral letters
* Synods, councils, diocesan statutes
* Official ecclesiastical bulletins
* Doctrinal, devotional and apologetic serials
* Directories, surveys and statistics
* Bibliographies

Entrees include the following people:

* Karl Barth (influential Swiss theologian)
* Pascual Díaz y Barreto (Archbishop of Mexico City, 1929 – 1936)
* Oscar Romero (Archbishop of San Salvador, 1977 – 1980)
* Gustavo Gutiérrez (Dominican Catholic priest and theologian, widely considered the father of Liberation Theology)
* Jorge Bergoglio (currently known as Pope Francis)

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