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A single archive at the Vatican holds original transcripts from Galileo's inquisition, a letter from Henry VIII pleading to be granted divorce, records from the [heresy trials of the Knights Templar](#) —and a note from Michelangelo requesting overdue pay for his workers. And those are just *some* of the documents we know about. What else might lie in the centuries-old Vatican Secret Archives? And might these documents shed light on hidden papal influence over global events?

With the vast majority of the Archive's contents off-limits to the public, speculation is rife—from a huge collection of papal pornography to evidence of the Church's enabling of the [Holocaust](#). Many theories focus on subjects that have the potential to undermine the Church's authority. Has the secrecy been blown out of proportion, or is the Vatican concealing information that would shock the world?

*The storehouse of the Vatican Secret Archives. (Credit: Giovanni Ciarlo/AP Photo)*

Established under the Latin name *Archivum Secretum Vaticanum*, the Archive holds popes' personal correspondence and important documents dating back to the 9th century. (The word "secretum," though translated as "secret," is more akin to "private.") During the 17th century, Pope Paul V, the man who put Galileo on trial, decided to split the Secret Archives from the main collection of the Vatican Library.

The collections still sit side by side, just north of the [Sistine Chapel](#). The Secret Archives contain 53 miles of shelving, some of which is in a fireproof, climate-controlled two-story underground bunker adjacent to the main Apostolic Library.

Many of the documents that have been declassified concern historic moments and leaders: One is [Henry VIII's](#) 1527 letter requesting a divorce from his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. When years passed without Pope Clement VII approving the split, Henry VIII turned to his Protestant advisors, broke with the Catholic Church and helped [usher in the Reformation](#).

Another is a letter to Pope Pius IX from [Jefferson Davis](#), president of America's confederate states during the Civil War. The [note](#), thanking Pius IX for his "sentiments of Christian good feeling and love" amid "most cruel oppression and terrible carnage," has led to debate over

whether the pope supported the Confederacy beyond giving general comfort and wishes for peace.

In 1984, the Vatican announced it would release the Archives' transcripts from the heresy trial of [Galileo Galilei](#), who in 1633 was forced to recant his claim that the Earth revolves around the sun. In 1992, Pope John Paul II formally acknowledged that Galileo was right and the Roman Inquisition had mishandled the case.

## The Players



**Pope Paul V** Created the Secret Archives, believed he lived at the center of the universe.

**Galileo** - "And yet it moves!" he said of the Earth during his trial. But alas, he did not move his inquisitors."

**Pope Leo XIII** - The pope who opened the Archives (though not everything, and not to the public)



**Pope Pius XII** - Began his papacy in 1939, was controversially labeled "Hitler's Pope".

**Jesus Christ** - A key figure in general, one might say. Also the subject of many an archival conspiracy theory



## The Fallout

In the absence of detailed information, wild theories about the Vatican Secret Archives have proliferated. Over the years, people have pondered whether the Church might be hiding bombshell information that could challenge Catholic doctrines and render papal authority invalid. Might there be hidden evidence of aliens on Earth? Was blockbuster novelist Dan Brown onto something when he wrote about Jesus fathering a secret child with [Mary Magdalene](#)? Do the Vatican Secret Archives contain the world's largest pornography collection? (Yes, this is one of the rumors that have made the rounds.)

One key factor in the Archives' inaccessibility is the fragility of the documents. Centuries-old scraps of parchment have the potential to crumble into dust when handled. A very small percentage of the collection has been digitized, but the varied writing styles make it difficult for optical character recognition (OCR) software to recognize words. Currently, scientists from Roma Tre University and the Vatican Secret Archives are working on a project called [In Codice Ratio](#), which combines OCR with artificial intelligence to analyze pen strokes, and learn how they form letters and words,

## The Enduring Secrets

The mystery surrounding the fabled Archives has been enhanced by the word "secret," the involvement of a formidable institution like the Catholic Church and the influence of pop-culture conspiracy romps like Dan Brown's Robert Langdon novels. But that doesn't mean there's nothing to hide. If the Church were in possession of documents that could invalidate its own

teachings, or cast previous popes in a deeply unfavorable light, it *is* plausible such documents would be kept buried in a bunker away from prying eyes.

One clear example is Pope Pius XII. In 1999, British journalist John Cornwell published a book called *Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII*. Drawing on newly available, pre-1939 documents from the Archives, it painted Pius XII as someone who helped [Hitler](#) rise to power, trivialized the Holocaust and dealt with Nazi finances via the Vatican Bank. In 2005, American historian and Rabbi David G. Dalin responded with his own book, *The Myth of Hitler's Pope*, which drew on yet more documents to claim that Pius XII saved hundreds of thousands of Jewish lives during the Holocaust. Even if the Secret Archives released its Pius XII documents, it's unclear whether they would have the power to absolve or condemn the wartime pontiff.

The ban on post-1939 documents also prevents researchers from seeking information on other grave issues, such as the [extent and impact](#) of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church.

As to the more left-field speculations of what's hidden in the Secret Archives, particularly the aliens and pornography...the answers are maybe and no, respectively. The archives *could* have information relating to extraterrestrials, but there's nothing to suggest it does. The pornography rumor seems to have been started, or at least perpetuated, by an erotica museum in Copenhagen, which allegedly informed visitors that the world's largest porn collection is at the Vatican Library and/or Secret Archives. This is [not at all true](#), but the Renaissance artist Raphael did paint erotic images around the Vatican's papal apartments in 1516.

### Timeline

- 1377 The Vatican begins to be used as a papal residence.
- 1612 Pope Paul V orders that papal documents be separated into a collection known as the Vatican Secret Archives.
- 1810 Napoleon seizes the Archives, loads them onto wagons and takes them to Paris.
- 1817 The Archives return to the Vatican, minus many documents that were lost, destroyed or sold.
- 1881 Pope Leo XIII opens the Archives to researchers.
- 2006 Pope Benedict XVI makes documents from the papacy of Pius XI (1922-1939) available to scholars.
- 2012 Selected documents from the Archives are put on public display at the Capitoline  
Feb- Museums in Rome, including Pope Leo X's 1521 decree excommunicating Martin Luther  
Sept and a letter penned by Mary Queen of Scots pleading against her eventual execution.

### Getting To See For Yourself

Before the papacy of Leo XIII (1878-1903), not even qualified scholars of Christianity were allowed to delve into the Vatican Secret Archives. But in an effort to fortify the Church's role in Italian history, Leo XIII granted access to researchers in 1881. Though the Archives can now accommodate up to 60 visiting researchers per day, those granted access are not permitted to

see documents from 1939 onwards, other than small, specifically released batches related to particular subjects and events. The year 1939 marked both the beginning of World War II and the first year of Pope Pius XII's tenure. This means that the off-limits information may involve subjects as fraught as the Pope's dealings with Hitler and Mussolini, and his knowledge of—and level of intervention in—the Holocaust.

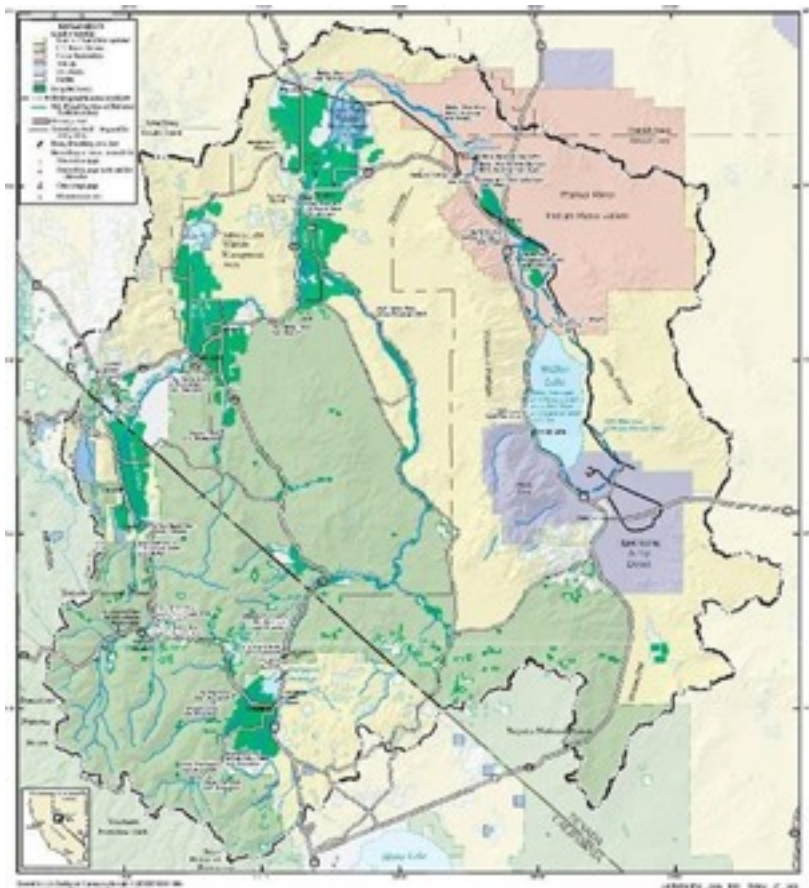
If you're a scholar working on a research project, and have the documentation to prove it, you may [apply for admission](#) to the Secret Archives. If approved, you can spend up to three consecutive months poring over archival materials in the reading room.

Similar requirements apply for admission to the main Vatican Library. If you're not quite a scholar, or can't swing a trip to Vatican City, visit [DigiVatLib](#), the free online repository for the library's digitized collection. The library is still in the process of [digitizing](#) its 80,000 manuscripts.

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***“Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.”***

***“There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.” – Soren Kierkegaard***

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**Dee Numa: Historic Washoe Tribal Lands Map**



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## Tens of thousands watch livestreamed brain surgery (Guardian)

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## Wonder works: History and philosophy should reveal to us the baffling, strange and wondrous qualities of other lives and other times (Aeons)

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Jenn Woods

October 23, 2018

This is Chanie Wenjack. 52 years ago today he died, froze to death along railroad tracks trying to walk home after escaping from the residential school that stole him and hundreds of thousands of indigenous children from their families.

He was 12.

He was just trying to get home.

His story and every child's story deserve to be heard.

This was not just a mistake in our distant history. The last residential school in Canada closed in 1996.

Reconciliation must be our priority.

**Please remember Chanie**

**today and all the children who never made it home.**

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## **Montana Residents Beware Deceptive Solicitation**

On October 17, [NARF and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law sent a letter to the Republican National Committee](#) demanding that it stop its practice of sending misleading and deceptive mailers to voters in Bozeman, Montana. The letters feature words such as "Census" and simultaneously seek solicitations for the Republican party. Officials in Montana have declared the mailers deceptive and warned about responding to the "imitation census survey."

"The Census is critically important for Indian Country. The political power of Native Americans and Alaska Natives is directly tied to the population data derived from the Census, because more accurate numbers translate into more representative districts. Indian Country also relies on the dollars distributed based on the Census for things like health care and education. That is why we are disturbed by this blatant misinformation in these mailers—it confuses voters and damages the entire Census process," said [NARF Staff Attorney Natalie Landreth](#).

## An Update on Bears Ears National Monument

On September 30, 2019, US District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan rightfully denied the Trump Administration's attempt to dismiss the Bears Ears National Monument case. The case was brought when President Trump unlawfully tried to reduce the Bears Ears National Monument, an area of utmost importance to the region's tribal nations.

With this decision, the plaintiffs—including NARF's clients, the Hopi Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Zuni Pueblo—can move forward to protect our lands and stop the President's illegal attempt to open our federally protected national treasures to exploitation by big business.

Nowhere has Congress given the President authority to diminish existing monuments. [Get more information on the case at our website.](#)



### Generation Z Can't Read

The nation's latest "report card" is not good. The results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress released Wednesday show that [America's fourth and eighth grade students are losing ground in their ability to read literature and academic texts](#). Some 600,000 students were tested for their proficiency in reading and math. Two out of three students did not meet the standards set for reading proficiency.

- The average eighth-grade reading score declined in more than half of the states compared with 2017, while the average fourth-grade reading score declined in 17 states. Math scores remained relatively flat.
- Education Secretary Betsy DeVos called the results a “student achievement crisis” but dismissed calls to increase school funding to improve the worst performing schools. DeVos champions programs that allow tax dollars to follow children to schools of their choice, including private schools, religious schools and charter schools; she rejects the view that more money would lift struggling schools. (NYT)

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### **This sponge-like nanomaterial uses HVAC systems to create water from thin air**

By Fast Company, 10/29/19

In cities hit by drought—including Harare, Zimbabwe, where the city turned off taps in some neighborhoods for weeks this summer—a new material could make it possible to pull clean drinking water directly from the air. The sponge-like nanomaterial, from Ireland’s University of Limerick and a think tank and incubator fund called Molecule, is designed to be used in existing dehumidifiers, where it can help HVAC systems save energy at the same time that it offers a new source of water.

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### **Hopi- Daylight Saving Doughnut - The New York Times**

<https://www.nytimes.com › 2019/11/02 › daylight-saving-time-doughnut>

Try Passing Through the 'Daylight Saving Doughnut'. Clocks will fall back in 48 U.S. states on ...  
By Vanessa Swales. Nov. 2, 2019 Updated 10:43 a.m. ET.

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### **Nevada Suit Seeks to Protect Rare Wildflower From Mining ...**

<https://www.nytimes.com › aponline › 2019/10/31 › ap-us-rare-wildflower-...>

*Nevada Suit Seeks to Protect Rare Wildflower From Mining* Nevada Suit Seeks to *Protect Rare Wildflower From Mining*. RENO, Nev. — Conservationists are suing the Trump administration to try to block mining exploration in Nevada they say would wipe out the only known population of a desert *wildflower*.

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THE WORLD'S FIRST OFFICIAL AND LARGEST AWARDS SHOW FOR...  
[youtube.com](#)



**Brazilian 'forest guardian' killed by illegal loggers in ambush**

[theguardian.com](https://theguardian.com)

Paulo Paulino Guajajara was killed by armed loggers in the Araribóia...

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**Indigenous Leaders Massacred in Colombia;** New Wave of Violence Feared as 2,500 Troops Deployed Democracy Now! Excerpt: "The massacre of five Indigenous leaders in Colombia has shocked the country. The killings took place in the southwestern region of Cauca. Among the victims was Cristina Bautista, the leader of the semi-autonomous Indigenous reservation of Nasa Tacueyo. Four of the community's unarmed guards were also killed, while six others were wounded." READ MORE

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**Environmentalists, tribes oppose Clark County lands bill** Environmentalists and Native American tribes are among those opposing a federal lands bill backed by Clark County that they say could hasten a plan to pipe rural water down to Las Vegas.

*Ed note: Had the "good/fine" Elko County Commissioners supported the Shoshone Treaty of 1863, this would not even be an issue. sdc*

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**How Nevada are you? Can you pronounce these Nevada town names?**

Test your Silver State knowledge with these pronunciations of Nevada town names.

**Ian Zabarte**

It must have looked similar...The US Department of Energy secret WMD test named Mighty Oak, three weeks before Chernobyl, vented releasing a 13 mile high cloud that went around the world. The secret was captured when monitoring equipment aboard a naval reconnaissance plane monitoring for Chernobyl radiation detected the DOE release. All Americans need and deserve universal health-care. **The secret deliberate radiation exposure of the Shoshone Nation is a crime against humanity.**



[Russian volcano erupts for the first time in 95 years and astronauts captured the moment from space](#) [matadornetwork.com](http://matadornetwork.com)



[‘Killers of the Flower Moon’ Seeks Native American Actors, Extras](#) [koco.com](http://koco.com)

**Early childhood education is an issue of public safety**, it is an issue of national security, and it is an issue of economic stability. These were key themes discussed by education experts who gathered in the Bay Area Council's Sacramento office to discuss the future of early childhood education and the importance of social emotional learning. The meeting was hosted in partnership with Bay Area Council member National University, whose [Sanford Inspire](#) program supports social emotional learning and inspirational instruction in PreK-12 classrooms. Sanford Inspire is offered at no cost and is funded through a generous donation made by T. Denny Sanford.

The portal includes modules like “Design a Problem-Based Learning Experience,” “Teaching Students Empathy” and “Developing Behaviors for Cooperative Learning.” A recurring theme during the discussion was the relationship between social emotional learning and soft-skill development for future participation in the workforce. If young children aren’t getting this instruction in the early years, learning skills like communication, collaboration, and problem solving can become more difficult to learn. As technology continues to increase automation, these soft skills will increase in value. It is important to invest in quality early childhood education programs now so that children are equipped for the jobs of the future.

## **Sanford Teacher Awards**

### **Do you know a teacher who deserves \$50,000?**

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[Nominate an A+ inspirational teacher \(or yourself!\) by November 20, 2019.](#)

### [Nominate Now](#)

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[Learn more about who is eligible to be nominated for the Sanford Teacher Award.](#) [Learn More](#)

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Sanford Programs wants to recognize and reward 51 of the nation's top inspiring teachers — one from each U.S. state and Washington, D.C. The Sanford Teacher Award includes a gift of \$10,000 for each of the 51 finalists and a \$50,000 total award for the grand prize winner!

We're calling on all teachers, faculty, staff, principals, parents, and students to nominate an extraordinary, inspirational teacher. You know the one — the teacher who engages students in

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Simply fill out the nomination forms with as much detail as possible and submit the forms — you may nominate any teacher that meets the eligibility requirements and embeds the inspirational indicators in their daily instruction, even yourself if you wish.

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If your nominee meets the requirements, he or she will be sent an email from Sanford Programs ([sanfordprograms@nu.edu](mailto:sanfordprograms@nu.edu)) and asked to participate. The nominee will be asked to complete the application as part of the selection process.    [Read More](#)

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Applicants must:

- Be a licensed/credentialed teacher
- Teach at a Pre-K-12 school (public, private, or charter) in the United States
- Teachers of all grade levels and subject areas are eligible
- Have a minimum of three years of classroom teaching
- Be a United States resident

### **Who We're Looking For**

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#### **Engages Students**

Inspiring teachers reflect on and continuously improve their practice; and students engage in interesting learning opportunities.

#### **Builds Confidence**

Inspiring teachers build rapport by understanding students' backgrounds; and students are resilient in the face of challenge.

#### **Creates an Inclusive Environment**

Inspiring teachers are caring and respectful; and students feel a sense of belonging due to relationships with peers and staff.

#### **Motivates Students to Succeed**

Inspiring teachers use assessments to improve their understanding of students; and students set goals and achieve their dreams.

#### **Gives Students a Voice**

Inspiring teachers engage in a high support/high demand approach; and students are confident, curious, and have a voice.    [Read More](#)