

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA      DATE: June 8, 2012

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SUBJECT: Additional exception in 9.19.1.2 (Title or Other Designation Associated with the Person) for titles of religious rank

### Background

Although RDA allows for a *title of nobility* not to be added to the authorized access point of a person if it is not used in resources associated with a person, it does not have a similar exception for *titles of religious rank*. This becomes problematic when constructing authorized access points for saints whose given name is recorded as the first element in the preferred name. Many of these saints also had a *title of religious rank*, but reference sources do not commonly list this title except for popes. For example, Saint Vincent de Paul was a priest, so his RDA authorized access point would be “Vincent de Paul, Saint, père, 1581-1660.” Standard reference sources mention his priesthood, but they list him as “Saint Vincent de Paul” without his title, so “père” must be inferred by the fact that he was a French priest. It is well-known that Saint Teresa of Avila was a prioress, but the term “madre” does not appear consistently with her name in manifestations of her works and almost never in resources about her. Currently, she is listed as an example in 9.19.1.2 with the authorized access point form “Teresa, of Avila, Saint,” which does not include her title of religious rank per c) in 9.19.1.2.

The current exception for *titles of nobility* at 9.19.1.2 also allows the preferences of the person represented by the access point to be honored—if the person of nobility does not use his/her title, it is not added. It is illogical that the same principle would not apply to persons with religious titles. Saint Albertus Magnus did not desire his appointment as Bishop of Regensburg, and he resigned that office soon after the pope who appointed him died. Yet, under 9.19.1.2, "Bishop of Regensburg" should be a part of his authorized access point despite the fact that he did not use that title in his writings nor is he listed that way in reference sources.

LC proposes to add an exception for *titles of religious rank* not commonly used with the name of the person and to revise the examples for the two Saint Augustines as their ecclesiastical titles do not commonly appear with their names. However, as their names appear in the Catholic Encyclopedia as “Saint Augustine of Canterbury” and “Saint Augustine of Hippo,” a phrase denoting place of domicile is added to their names as an integral part of the name per 9.2.2.18 (thus eliminating potential for conflict).

### Proposed revision

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