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THEOLOGICAL RESOURCES E-LIBRARY GROWS TO 10,000 ITEMS

Sharing the Word, an online Library of educational resources for Catholic ministry, reached a major milestone this week, with over 10,000 items now accessible to clergy and lay people searching for resources in Catholic theology and pastoral ministry.

The first free and comprehensive Catholic e-Library on the web was jointly produced with the *Sharing the Word Project* to boost access to open source theological resources freely available through the internet.

It is specifically intended to assist seminarians, theology students and clergy, pastoral workers and many others, particularly in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, who lack access to adequate theological formation resources.

The ever-growing e-Library, launched in 2014, provides links to the full text of over 10,000 open source e-books, periodical titles, periodical articles, theses, documents, podcasts, etc. as well as major relevant websites. The material can be read on screen, downloaded to e-devices, often in various formats, or be printed.

From anywhere with an internet connection, Sharing the Word provides an integrated access point to the spiritual and intellectual riches of the Christian heritage.

Former librarian at the Veech Library in Sydney, Hans Arns, has devoted much of his time in retirement to gathering material which would be useful to anyone seeking access to the sources of Christian civilisation and history, as well as the teaching and thought of the Church and its thinkers on the burning issues of the day.

Mr Arns wants the resource to link today's students with the Church's history. 'I hope Sharing the Word proves to be a useful tool in combating the rising amnesia of the Christian message and its history in our time as it can provide a thousand ways for Catholics to help themselves in making sense of their common faith and spiritual heritage,' he said.

View the entire collection for yourself at the website: sharingtheword.info