Monsignor Ellis Honored

Monsignor John Tracy Ellis, the Dean of American Catholic historians, was honored on the occasion of his 80th birthday on July 30, 1985 with a concert celebrated liturgy in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and a banquet in Caldwell Hall at Catholic University. The celebration was attended by about 120 guests.

To honor Monsignor Ellis, Cardinal John J. O'Connor, Archbishop of New York and Honorary President of the United States Catholic Historical Society, announced that the Society has established the annual John Tracy Ellis Award for outstanding contributions to the intellectual life of the American Catholic community. Monsignor Ellis was also honored by the publication of a Festschrift that was presented to him at the banquet. The volume, entitled Studies in Catholic History in Honor of John Tracy Ellis, was edited by Nelson H. Minnich, Robert B. Eno, S.S., and Robert Trisco of the Catholic University faculty. Scholars from several disciplines contributed articles to the volume, published by Michael Glazier.

U.S. Catholic Historian To Publish Conference Proceedings

The forthcoming double issue of the U.S. Catholic Historian will present the proceedings of the centennial conference on the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore entitled "Historians and Bishops in Dialogue" held at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, on November 9-11, 1984. The historians and their papers were: Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, "Mission: The Church and Society"; Rev. Gerald Fogarty, S.J., "Parish: The Quest for Community"; and Prof. Philip Gleason, "School: Values Behind the Commitment." A panel of three bishops presented responses to each paper. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin's address "Changing Styles in Episcopal Leadership" and Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly's homily are included. The annual subscription for individuals is $20.00. To subscribe write: U.S. Catholic Historian, P.O. Box 97, Eltingville Station, Staten Island, NY 10312.

Bicentennial Publications' Authors Announced


The series is sponsored by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Observance of the Bicentennial of the American Hierarchy and is funded by the Knights of Columbus. The series is part of a program to commemorate the 200th anniversary, in 1989, of the establishment of the U.S. hierarchy.

Conference on the History of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

On November 16, 1985 a conference on the history of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be held at St. Joseph's Convent from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. For further information contact: Sister Barbara Misner, St. Joseph's Convent, 1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53215.

Catholic Education in Bay Area Documented

The Regional Oral History Office of the University of California's Bancroft Library announces the availability of an interview entitled "A Native Daughter's Leadership in Education: College of Notre Dame, Belmont, California, 1956-1980" with Sister Catharine Julie Cunningham, S.N.D., retired president and current chancellor of the College.

Catharine Julie Cunningham was born in 1910 to a prominent Catholic family in San Francisco. After graduating from the University of California in 1932, she joined the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at Belmont. Most of her subsequent career revolved around Notre Dame College where she was president from 1956 to 1980. During that period the college completed its development from a junior college to a four-year college, became coeducational, and greatly expanded programs and enroll-

ment. The oral history memoir is of particular importance for historians of education in California and the movement from single sex to coeducational colleges in America.

For information on acquisition, contact the Regional Oral History Office, 486 The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History

The California Province of the Society of Jesus has established the Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History at the University of San Francisco. The Institute expects to serve the University of San Francisco community and looks forward to scholarly exchanges with the centers for Chinese and Asian studies which already exist in the San Francisco Bay area. The Institute's activities reflect the longstanding interests of the California Jesuits, who, since 1928, have assigned a significant portion of their members to work among the Chinese populations of mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the United States, and the Philippines. For further information, contact: Rev. Edward J. Malatesta, S.J., Director, Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History, University of San Francisco, Ignatian Heights, San Francisco, CA 94117.

West Virginia Catholic Newspapers Preserved

The Archives of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is participating in a project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities to microfilm newspapers in West Virginia. The diocesan archives, under the direction of Sr. Margaret Brennan, S.S.J., were part of an on-site visit in a state-wide survey of newspapers. The oldest and most fragile Catholic newspapers were transported to the University of West Virginia for microfilming. The project will make West Virginia newspapers more accessible for research.
Texas Catholic Historical Society

The Texas Catholic Historical Society held its tenth annual conference at the Hilton Hotel in Fort Worth on March 1, 1985, meeting concurrently with the Texas State Historical Association. The theme of the conference was "Women Religious and the Church in Texas." Two papers were presented: "Women Religious as Feminists" by Janet Griffin, C.D.P., of Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, and "The Ursuline Sisters Come to Dallas" by Lois Bannon, O.S.U., archivist of the Diocese of Dallas. The Society's president is Maria Carolina Flores, C.D.P., Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, and the president-elect is Patrick Foley, Tarrant County Community College, Fort Worth. The eleventh annual conference will be March 7, 1986 at Austin. Its theme is "The Catholic Church in Transition, From Texas Independence Through Early Statehood."

Dooley Letters Project

The University of Missouri-St. Louis has announced a project to compile a one-volume edition of the letters of Dr. Tom Dooley, prominent Catholic physician who won fame in the American Catholic community for medical activities in Viet Nam and Laos during the 1950s. The letters were written to his mother in St. Louis between 1954 and 1961 and are held at the Historical Manuscript Collection of the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission endorsed the publication project but was unable to grant funding. The search for funding the project goes on. For additional information, contact: Anne R. Kenney, Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Working Papers in Irish Studies

The Irish Studies Program at Northeastern University announces the availability of its series, Working Papers in Irish Studies. The series publishes reports of empirical research, theoretical analysis, and essays. Its scope encompasses the entire field of Irish and Irish-American Studies. The series aims to promote an ongoing scholarly interchange in the field. Titles of the first eight issues and information on the submission of manuscripts can be obtained from the editor, Bruce M. Logan, Irish Studies Program, 203 Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

Catholic Archives in the British Isles

The Catholic Archives Newsletter, edited by James M. O'Toole, archivist of the Archdiocese of Boston, reports in the July 1985 issue that the Catholic Archives Society of the United Kingdom and Eire has recently published the fifth annual edition of Catholic Archives, containing articles on a range of Catholic archival activities in the British Isles. In this year's edition, articles appeared describing the Archives of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, the Irish Province of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians), and the Archives of the Sisters of Mercy, Dublin. The Society has a membership of 200 and has published a Directory of Catholic Archives in the United Kingdom and Eire.

Historian Needed

The Apostleship of the Sea (A.O.S.) in the United States seeks to hire a researcher and author to prepare its history. Some incidental archival material is available, but most of the project might result from oral history interviews of port chaplains. Travel and research costs are covered, and the stipend is negotiable. Contact: Rev. Dr. L. Thomas Snyderwine, Chaplain to Port of Erie, Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1811, Erie, PA 16507. Phone: (814) 871-7551.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Harvard Divinity School announces the Luce Fellowship Program in Theology. It is a Post-doctoral Fellowship Program for outstanding scholars in non-
theological disciplines with serious interest in religious questions. The program is intended for scholars in the humanities and in the social and natural sciences who want to develop their capacity to delimitate the ethical and religious questions underlying contemporary public issues. For further information write to the Office of the Dean, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

"CUSHWA CENTER ACTIVITIES:

American Catholic Studies Seminar

The seminar met once during the fall semester of 1985 at Notre Dame. On November 12 Professor Leslie Tentler, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan presented a paper, "Women in the American Catholic Church: An Historical Assessment." The paper is available as a working paper and the cost is $3.00.

Hibernian Lecture

On October 31, 1985 the annual Hibernian lecture was held at the University of Notre Dame. Professor Lawrence McCaffrey of Loyola University of Chicago spoke on the topic, "Fictional Images of Irish America."

Research Travel Grants

To assist scholars who wish to use the University's library and archival collection of Catholic Americana, the Cushwa Center annually awards Research Travel Grants. Anyone interested in applying for a grant for 1986 should write for application forms to the Cushwa Center, 614 Memorial Library, Notre Dame, IN 46556. The deadline for applying for a 1986 grant is December 15, 1985.

Hibernian Research Award

Funded by an endowment from the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the purpose of the award is to further research in the area of Irish-American studies. Two awards of $2,000 will be made to postdoctoral scholars of any academic discipline who are engaged in a research project studying the Irish experience in the United States. Applications for the 1986 Hibernian Research Award must be made before December 15, 1985. Requests for application forms should be addressed to Jay P. Dolan, Director, Charles and Margaret Hall Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, 614 Memorial Library, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Personal Notices

Mary Farrell Bednarowski, United Theological Seminary, New Brighton, Minnesota, is preparing a study on the place of alternative religions in American culture.

Sister Mary Charles Bryce, O.S.B., was Flannery Professor of Theology at Gonzaga University during the 1984-85 academic year and is now adjunct professor at Oklahoma City University.

Debra Campbell, Department of Religion, Gettysburg College, is studying the history of lay Catholic street evangelism in England and America.

Sister Florence Deacon, O.S.F., Madison, Wisconsin, is researching Catholic sisters in 19th-century Wisconsin.

William E. Ellis, Department of History, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky 40475, is working on a manuscript biography of Patrick Henry Callahan and would like to hear from anyone else who has Callahan material.

Michael E. Engh, S.J., doctoral candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has begun work on a dissertation entitled "Frontier Religion in an Era of Transition: Los Angeles, 1846-1880."

Janice Farnham, R.J.M., 1215 Quincy Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20017, doctoral candidate at Catholic University, is studying the education of poor girls in schools known as provindences in urban France, 1800-1950, and seeks related information from religious communities with origins in 19th-century France.
Mary A. Grant, Archivist of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, is engaged in an inventory and microfilming of all parish and Catholic institutional records in the archdiocese from 1843 to the present. The publication of a union list of these records is being planned.

Bishop John Carroll's "Prayer for the Nation" and several articles on Carroll by Rev. Thomas O'Brien Hanley, S.J., Loyola College, Baltimore, were printed in the Congressional Record March 28, 1985 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Carroll's birth.

Rev. Ronald R. Harrer, O.M.I., Archivist, Central United States Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, St. Paul, Minnesota, is studying the activities of the flying priest, Rev. Paul Schulte, O.M.I.

Peter C. Hollaran, American Studies Department, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167, is interested in contacting anyone with an interest in the history of Catholic child welfare and juvenile justice issues in New England, 1800-1950.

Robert E. Humphries, Setauket, New York, is working on a comprehensive demographic history of the Catholic people on Long Island as a microcosm of American Catholic growth. Long Island has developed into a home for nearly 3,000,000 Catholic ethnicis.

Glenn A. Janus, Department of History, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received the Murray Memorial Scholarship, a research grant awarded by Coe College, to complete work on Bishop Bernard McQuaid and the American Experience: The Quest for an American Catholic Identity.

Lois J. Kalloway, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh, is working on a history of Polish, German, Irish, and Lithuanian religious sisters in Pittsburgh, 1890-1940.

Paula Kane, doctoral candidate in American studies at Yale University, is writing a dissertation entitled "Boston Catholics and Modern American Culture, 1900-1920."

Sister Demetria King, O.S.B., Mount St. Mary Convent, 4530 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15229, is preparing a biography of Mother Adelgunda Feldman, O.S.B., foundress of the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh, and seeks to contact anyone willing to share material on the subject.

Joseph G. Mannard, doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, College Park, is writing a dissertation on "Convent Community: Women Religious in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, 1790-1870."

Colleen McDannell, University of Maryland, European Division, recently completed a book on Protestant and Catholic domestic religion in 19th-century America which will be published by Indiana University Press.

Sister Mary Herminia Muldrey, R.S.M., Mercy Archives, New Orleans, is working on the biography of Mother Austin Carroll, early Mercy Sisters' archivist, historian, and biographer.

Baxter Murray, Research Historian of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, is searching for an extant copy of a pamphlet by Archbishop Francis N. Blanchet, written in 1855-1857 on his trip to Chile, Peru and Bolivia. It describes the needs of the Oregon Diocese and appeals for funds. For further information contact Baxter Murray, P.O. Box 351, Portland, OR 97207-0351.

George B. Pepper, Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801, is studying St. Benedict's Center in Cambridge, Mass. and would appreciate receiving any relevant material.

William L. Portier, Department of Theology, Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, is studying Rev. John R. Slattery, the premier 19th-century Catholic evangelist to American blacks and a Catholic modernist.

Fayette Veverka, Kansas City, Missouri, is presently at work on a book on the development of the U.S. church's educational mission and ministry in three periods: the 19th century, the
20th century to Vatican II, and Vatican II to the present.

George Weigel, Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 1984-1985, conducted a critical study of American Catholic thought on war and peace issues since Vatican II.

Rev. David F. Wright, O.P., Academic Dean, Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, Missouri, is studying American Dominicans and their preaching apostolate in the later 19th and 20th centuries.

Louis C. Zuccarello, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York, is studying correspondence between Archbishop John Ireland and Rev. James Nilan of Poughkeepsie, 1875-1901.

Publications

American Catholic Experience: A History from Colonial Times to the Present, by Jay P. Dolan provides a comprehensive history of Catholicism within the American experience -- the first such volume to reflect the new communal and social awakening that emerged from Vatican Council II. Doubleday. 1985. 480 p. $19.95.


Catholic Baptisms in Western Pennsylvania, 1799-1828: Father Peter Helbron's Greensburg Register, originally published in the Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia, 1915-17, consists of a record of baptisms performed by Father Helbron in western Pennsylvania, including the counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Washington, Greene, Allegheny, Butler, and Armstrong. Presumably the first written record of sacramental ministrations, and in some cases, the only extant records of Irish and German Catholics in this region. Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. 1985. 123 p. $12.50.


The Lay-Centered Church: Theology and Spirituality, by Leonard Doohan, begins with an overview of the theologies of the laity since Vatican II. Also considered are the laity in the Church today: an assessment of attitudes and structures; the Church as family; and the spirituality of all baptized. Winston Press, 1984. 175 p. ISBN 0-86683-2. $8.95.


Records Management for Parishes and Schools, by David P. Gray provides information on implementing a parish archives/records management program. Designed for use in the Diocese of Bismarck, the manual contains information on establishing a records management program and care of archival materials. Also included are records management forms, a glossary, canons relating to parochial archives, and a general records retention schedule governing retention and disposition of 225 records common to parishes and schools in the Diocese of Bismarck. Diocesan Archivist, Diocese of Bismarck, Box 1137, Bismarck, ND 58502. 1985. 44 p.


Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, Detroit, Michigan: A Centennial Parish, by Eduard Adam Skendzel consists of three parts: a brief historical overview; an architectural commentary; and the story of the restoration of the church. Considerable attention is devoted to Dominic Hippolytus Kolasinski, a forceful and controversial figure of the late 19th century. Little shield Press, 925 Flat St., NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Also available from the church, 4440 Russell St., Detroit, MI 48207. 1985. 38 p. $2.00.


Authors who have recently completed books in American Catholic Studies are invited to send full bibliographic information to: Charlotte Ames, Bibliographer, American Catholic Studies, Department of Special Collections, University of Notre Dame, Memorial Library, Notre Dame, IN 46556

Overview of Archival Center Holdings, Archdiocese of Los Angeles

The archives for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, established in 1927, were formally inaugurated for research purposes in 1962, by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre. Initially located in the new wing added to the northeastern end of the Chancery Office in downtown Los Angeles, they were relocated in permanent quarters on the grounds of San Fernando Mission in 1981. The first independent archival facility erected under diocesan auspices in the United States, the Archival Center was dedicated by Timothy Cardinal Manning as the major participation by the Catholic church in the bicentennial celebration of El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora de los Angeles.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles traces its origins to Pope Gregory XVI and the creation of the Diocese of Both Californias in 1840. Manuscripts, documents, letters and related primary materials from that time comprise the core collection in the Archival Center.

In addition to several hundred thousand transcripts and mission registers predating the episcopal era, the Archival Center has upward of 350,000 separate items pertaining to events occurring in the years after the appointment of Fray Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno as California's first bishop.

All letters and most other historical data prior to 1913 have been cataloged and are available to researchers. The period between 1903 and 1915 has been cross-filed and efforts are now underway to open the papers of the John J. Cantwell era through 1947. Sister Miriam Ann Cunningham is providing that service. The largest single block of materials in the collection is that pertaining to the 281 parishes served by the three county Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the largest juridical unit in the United States.

In addition to primary sources, the Archival Center is rich in "associated items" such as The Tidings, the official Catholic newspaper for California's southland which has been published since 1896. The Archival Center has the entire run on film and the issues themselves from 1903 onwards. Also available are the files of The Monitor (1861-1964), as well as a number of individual bound volumes of that northern California Catholic newspaper. There are other newspapers in the collection for which a checklist is available.

Related printed materials, such as parochial histories, annuals, brochures, directories, reports, relations, periodicals and offprints are in generous supply, as are ledgers, diaries, daybooks, sermons, journals, dissertations, and microfilm. Several dozen scrapbooks further enhance the collection, some of them dating from the turn of the century. There are also twenty-five bound volumes of primary correspondence and documentation on the taxation of Catholic schools in California (1919-1951), most of it never exploited for research purposes.

The 7,500 volume library housed on the ground floor specializes in such fields as California, American Catholicism, bibliography, archivology, travel accounts, Western Americana journals, Islandic imprints, and assorted finding and research devices. The
Friends of the Archives provide funds with which to keep the printed volumes updated.

Retired materials are constantly being transferred from the Chancery Office. In recent times several significant acquisitions have been made and others are anticipated, all of them geared to augmenting the historical relevance of the Archival Center's core collection. Some examples might be a collection of 330 copy-flo and microprint letters stretching from 1850 to 1877 used by Father John McGloin in his four volumes dealing with various facets of Western American history, Christie Phillips' complete collection of Vatican City stamps (1929-1985), a series of historically valuable broadsides, including the one issued by Mexican Secretary of Justice and Ecclesiastical Affairs on September 22, 1836 calling for creation of a diocese in the Californias and its endowment by the Pious Fund. Another acquisition characteristic of those sought is a document conveying Archbishop Joseph Sadoc Alemany's power-of-attorney to John Thomas Doyle in the legal contest with the United States over ownership of the lands claimed by the Catholic Church in California.

There are no restrictions to the use of the catalogued papers, except for "sensitive materials" and, in that case, the Roman rule of "fifty years or until all parties to the issues are deceased," is invoked. Those wishing to use the Archival Center are expected to make an appointment in advance.

At the time the archival program for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles was begun, provisions were also made for collecting historical mementos and souvenirs related to California Catholic heritage. A number of display cases were acquired and over the succeeding years a rather sizable assortment of historical artifacts was assembled and exhibited. On numerous occasions the collection was moved around the southland, from college to college, museum to museum. As a historical "reach-out," the program was immensely successful in acquainting youngsters and older students with a love for their heritage.

When plans for the new Archival Center were being formulated, space was provided for an Historical Museum with sixteen modern display areas. During the course of the years, the various exhibits are changed or otherwise renewed. Several times each week, Las Damas Archivistas, a docent group founded by Marie Walsh Harrington, opens the Historical Museum to visitors. The register book indicates that since its first year of operation the collection has accommodated over 20,000 visitors.

The Archival Center is envisioned as occupying a vital role in the ongoing challenge of keeping the local Church abreast with modern demands and deeds, some of which are not only new, but totally unprecedented in ecclesiastical annals. While there is much wrong with modern times ... there is more that could be right if people would only take time to look at the record, make creative interpretations, and then arrive at reasoned conclusions. This they can do only by going to the documents.

Short Bibliography


The Quarterly Newsletter for the Friends of the Archival Center is published in February, May, August and November. Therein are recorded all activities occurring in the Archival Center.

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The Archives of the Archdiocese of San Antonio


By the end of 1977, the Archives had published a preliminary inventory listing the major record groups from 1874-1940. Recently, the Archives have completed a descriptive inventory of the numerous groups, sub-groups and record series which make up the collection through 1969. Since diocesan archives experience a growing process, the arrangement in the archives follows the tenure of each Archbishop, thus allowing for the easy up-dating of existing guides.

Two major sections of significant historical importance and rich research value were selected to be described in this article: The Sacramental Records of San Fernando Cathedral (1703-1825) and the Records of the Bishops and Archbishops of San Antonio (1874-1969).

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS: The Archives of the Archdiocese of San Antonio retain a microfilm collection of parish sacramental records through 1975 totaling 286 reels, and a card index containing over one million baptismal entries. (Records less than 100 years old are restricted from public viewing.)

Even though the parish sacramental registers have been microfilmed, the original books are kept in the parish rectories with the exception of 21 volumes from the Historical Collection of San Fernando Cathedral which are deposited in the archives. The Cathedral Collection, the most unique and perhaps the most valuable in the Chancery archives, spans the years from 1703-1825 starting with the evangelization of the Texas Indians by the Spanish missionaries and continuing through the secularization of the missions in 1825.

This set of 21 volumes written in 17th century Spanish, has been singled out by scholars and historians to be one of the best primary sources available in Texas for the study of social and cultural attitudes of the Texas community during colonial times. The records offer genealogical information of early settlers and outstanding people in Texas history. Also in this collection are the records of the "Compania Volante de San Carlos del Alamo" consisting primarily of marriage applications of the military companies stationed at the Alamo and furnish a direct insight into the procedures followed by Spanish military personnel prior to the act of matrimony. Two Libros de Gobierno of the Church of San Fernando, containing papal and royal orders and some of the edicts of the Inquisition, considered to be the only manuscripts of their nature known to exist in Texas today, complete this interesting collection.

BISHOPS AND ARCHBISHOPS PAPERS: The Diocese of San Antonio was separated from the diocese of Texas (Galveston-Houston) in 1874 and was elevated to an Archdiocese in 1926. This section consists of the papers generated by the bishops of San Antonio and the auxiliary bishops as well. There is little documentation in the archives supporting the administration of Bishop Dominic Pellicer, first bishop of San Antonio (1874-1881). This deficiency might very well be due to a lack of clerical assistance in the
first chancery office. From 1881 on, the papers of the bishops become more numerous, yet limited by and large to correspondence with their priests regarding pastoral obligations and appointments. In 1911 with the beginning of the Shaw Administration, a more sophisticated management of church records is evident with the first grouping or series beginning to form part of what later became a voluminous central file system. The papers of Bishop John W. Shaw (1911-1918) include: the reopening of the San Antonio missions as parish churches, the creation of the Diocese of El Paso partially from San Antonio's territory, the impact of World War I on travel and mailing procedures, the need for American Service chaplains abroad, and the relocation of European clergy in America. Bishop Shaw's papers cover in part the exodus of Mexican priests to Texas during the beginning of the Mexican revolution and later during President Calles' persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico, which are better described in the papers of his successor, Archbishop Arthur J. Drossaerts, (1919-1940). San Antonio was elevated to an archdiocese in 1926, and Drossaerts became its first Archbishop. His correspondence documents the years of the Great Depression and the archdiocesan growth during his tenure, represented by an addition of over sixty new churches and fifty parochial schools. This documentation is of particular importance because of the social changes that were taking place due to the Great Depression and the presence of Revolutionary anti-clericalism in neighboring Mexico.

Archbishop Lucey (1941-1969) came to San Antonio in 1941 and governed the Archdiocese through 1969. His collection contains a great diversity of records representative of a wide range of activity. Archbishop Lucey's papers are by far the most voluminous in the episcopal section of the Archives. A great deal of his collection consists of correspondence generated by his work with Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CELAM), Latin American Bishops Conference, the Bishops' Committee for the Spanish Speaking, Catholic Action, and organized labor in Texas. The Archbishop's voluminous addresses, sermons and speeches, personal correspondence, some diaries, and the transcripts of his radio program "St. Anthony's Hour," together with three large photo albums, 12 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, and extensive miscellaneous correspondence dating from his years in Los Angeles are also part of his collection. Additionally, there are transcripts of interviews with the Archbishop and some of his priests conducted by historians and biographers. The Archbishop's ever-present concern with social justice problems, racism, equal employment opportunities, the integration of Catholic schools, labor disputes, and a diversity of liberal causes are well represented in this sizeable collection. In 1969, after a year of personnel dissension Archbishop Lucey retired.

The Archives of the Archdiocese of San Antonio are located in the first floor of the Chancery Office, 2718 Woodlawn, San Antonio, TX 78228. The Archives are open daily from 8-4. Visitors are required to make an appointment in advance. The records are open for reviewing through 1940, however, serious researchers may obtain access to more recent records by writing to the Chancellor, Msgr. Patrick J. Murray, P.O. Box 28410, San Antonio, TX 78228.

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