



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Office for Archives and Record Center:
RECORD GROUP: 20 Lay Organizations

SUBGROUP: 000 General Information

DESCRIPTION: General Information in this collection consists of newspaper clippings, souvenir programs, anniversary programs, convention programs, miscellaneous correspondence, and general histories of the organizations. In addition to this general information, the Archives has the following additional records from the following lay organizations.

SUBGROUP: 015 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

DESCRIPTION: The records consist of Minutes (1921-1969), Annual Convention Reports (1954-1995) Annual Business Meeting Reports (1959-1980). Bulletins (1923-1953) are in bound volumes. Articles, advertisements, upcoming events, reports of past events, death notices, etc. are included in the Bulletins. News (1954-1962) consist of newsletters which contain announcements of upcoming meetings, activities; short moral stories, short reports from various committees. Echos (1962-1975) is the new name of the News. Communiques (1976-1989) are short newsletters to DCCW members. Reports of upcoming events, death notices, congratulations, etc. are all included in these newsletters. Miscellaneous Papers (1914-1953) consist of correspondence to and from Bishop Hugh C. Boyle, senators and congressmen, articles about injustices to Catholics in Communist Europe, etc.

SUBGROUP: 019 Holy Name Societies

DESCRIPTION: Consists of Administrative Files (1911-1987) containing minutes, annual reports, correspondence, memoranda. Correspondence (1955-1983), encompasses files from the Bishop's Office to the Holy Name Society and materials originating from the Holy Name Society. Deaneries (1946-1987), materials in this series are made up of correspondence, ephemera (e.g., a necktie), memoranda, reports. Celebrations (1929-1983), material in this series consists of material on banquets, Holy Name Day rallies, special Masses, correspondence, reports, a set of blueprints for a Eucharistic rally in 1955, newspaper clippings. Annual Conventions (1925-1987) incorporates programs, correspondence, form letters, reports, planning files, meeting minutes. Newsletters (1947-1987), include Diocesan Newsletters published by the Pittsburgh Diocesan Union Holy Name Society and Headquarters Newsletters. Scrapbooks (1938-1958) of newspaper clippings. Civic Awards (1978-1986) consists of proclamations, personal greetings, and resolutions from the City of Pittsburgh; New Castle; Allegheny County; and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

SUBGROUP: 027 St. Thomas More Society

DESCRIPTION: Administrative Files (1967-1991) included membership information and information on the Red Masses and other Society activities.

SUBGROUP: 034 Serra Club*

DESCRIPTION: The records consist of Administrative Files (1943-1959) containing minutes, correspondence, application cards, some financial statements, and information about the 1959 Convention held in Pittsburgh. Miscellaneous (1951-1994) consists of awards and dinner programs, newspaper clippings, timeline, publications. Membership Rosters (1945-1994) consist of thirty small paperback booklets and contains the officers, current members, deceased members, and by-laws. Pledge's Records (1954-1972) consist of forms which contain personal information such as address, employer and type of employment, whether single or married, where attending church, date and place of birth. Newsletters (1947-1992) discuss the previous meeting, coming speakers.

SUBGROUP: 038 Knights of St. George

DESCRIPTION: The records include Administrative and Financial Records (1929-1976), which include merger proposals, budget documents, policies, ledgers, meeting reports, and undated rosters. Death Registers contain a record of insurance payments to deceased members. Publicity and Programming Materials (1976-1981), include a file of news releases on various activities, slide presentations with audio tapes and written scripts. Membership Dues Books (1880-1886), include lists of names and a list of payments. Charter Books (1894-1925), document the date the branch was founded, and they usually contain a list of charter members. Minutes (1892-1976), include summaries of branch meetings and occasional financial statements. Monthly premium ledgers (1892-1976), contain members' policy information as well as a schedule of premiums paid and benefits received. Account Books, (1916-1981), provide summaries of branch expenditures, although some are more detailed and complete than others. Branch Correspondence and Publications, (1940s-1970s) consist largely of odds and ends that found their way into a historical collection assembled by the Supreme Office in the late 1970s. Constitutions, Charters and By-Laws (1881-1983). Charters and By-laws of the Knights of St. George, (1881-1983), Cadets Organization Charters and By-laws, (undated) Knights of St. George Ladies Auxiliary Charters and By-laws, (undated) and District Committees Charter and By-laws, (undated) Retirement Home, Wellsburg West Virginia, (1950s-1970s) consist entirely of commemorative odds and ends collected by the Supreme Office after 1950. Camp Rolling Hills, (1969-1980) a dedication program and a staff manual. The Knight of St. George, (1908-1983) consists of the actual newsletters and prints and negatives of the photographs used in the newsletters. Miscellaneous Publications and Printed Materials (1916-1982) include commemorative booklets and pamphlets, convention programs, ceremonials and brochures printed for the Respect for Life program in the 1970s.