



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

Office for Archives and Record Center: Record Group 01 Diocesan Bishops

SUBGROUP: 001 General Information

DESCRIPTION: General information consists of basic Biographical Information and other documents about the Bishops of Pittsburgh that are open to the public. Information in this category includes biographic records, some correspondence, Pastoral Letters, Installation and Ordination Information, Newspaper Articles, and Photographs. In addition to these general files, additional records of the bishops are listed separately below.

SUBGROUP: 002 Bishop Michael O'Connor

DESCRIPTION: Records (1841-1859) consisting of Decree of Election of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and correspondence. Journal & Account Book (1841-1846) consists of a fragmentary diary, receipt book and record of accounts.

SUBGROUP: 003 Bishop Michael Domenec

DESCRIPTION: Division of the Diocese of Pittsburgh (1864-1877) contains papal bulls establishing the Diocese of Allegheny, Domenec's resignation as Bishop of Allegheny, correspondence.

SUBGROUP: 004 Bishop John Tuigg

DESCRIPTION: Papers (1845-1889) contains a papal bull reuniting the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, a letter book consisting of copies of letters written by Bishop Tuigg, correspondence, accounts of the Tuigg vs. Hickey lawsuit. Bishop Michael Domenec Record of Estate (1878) is a record of the possessions of Bishop Domenec at the time of his death that were included in his estate.

SUBGROUP: 005 Bishop Richard Phelan

DESCRIPTION: Ursuline Sisters Correspondence (1876-1891) relating to the Ursuline Sisters controversy. Correspondence (1883-1903). Personal (1849-1904) consists of testimonials, material from his home diocese in Ireland. Miscellaneous (1887-1902) contains survey of mixed marriages, Bishop Tuigg's funeral bill.

SUBGROUP: 006 Bishop J.F. Regis Canevin

DESCRIPTION: Administrative Files (1860-1927) consisting mostly of memoranda and correspondence relating to the administration of the diocese. Papers (1805-1926) made up mostly of correspondence and pastoral letters. Writings (1891-1923) include sermons, pamphlets and articles. History of the Diocese (1860-1918) consists mainly of newspaper clippings but does include a written history of the early years of the diocese prepared by Bishop O'Connor.

SUBGROUP: 007 Bishop Hugh C. Boyle

DESCRIPTION: Records include a small quantity of Bishop Boyle's Personal Papers (1900-1989) which include family correspondence and sermons the bishop delivered; Diaries (1898-1942), which are fragmentary; Administrative Files (1921-1950) which consist mainly of memoranda and correspondence relating to the administration of the diocese; files relating to the National Legion of Decency (1934-1938) which is mostly correspondence about the motion picture industry; Notebooks (1892-1943) containing a record of the bishop's activities during this time period (also fragmentary); Archbishop J.F. Regis Canevin Matter (1927-1929) comprising Canevin's will, Canevin estate correspondence, tomb and monument blueprints; National Catholic Welfare Conference (1931-1939) mostly concerns the Catholic news service; and

James A. Smith Correspondence (1910-1950) a set of correspondence between Bishop Boyle and James A. Smith, a noted lecturer on the Catholic Faith.

SUBGROUP: 008 Bishop John Dearden*

DESCRIPTION: Records include Administrative Files (1950-1959) consisting mainly of memoranda and correspondence relating to the administration of the diocese, including a Report of the Survey of the Catholic Children's Institutions of the Diocese of Pittsburgh (1953) a report on the work and function of 7 institutions for children in the diocese: St. Paul Orphanage, Home of the Good Shepherd, Roselia Foundling Home and Hospital, St. Joseph Protectors, Holy Family Institute, Eudes Institute and Toner Institute. Includes information on the physical plant, operations, staffing, activities and recommendations. Files related to the National Organization for Decent Literature (1934-1938).

SUBGROUP: 009 Bishop John Wright*

DESCRIPTION: The records of Bishop John J. Wright include Administrative Files (1959-1969) Personal Correspondence (1959-1969), Administrative Correspondence (1959-1969), Tickler Files (1969-1979), Appointment Books (1969-1976), Miscellaneous Papers (1953-1969) consisting mostly of personal papers, Scrapbooks (1947-1976), Audio Tapes, Motion Picture Film, Books, Phonographs (1959-1974) of radio and TV shows and talks given by the Bishop. Photo Album Papers (1948-1976) consist of papers originally contained with photograph albums.

SUBGROUP: 010 Bishop Vincent M. Leonard*

DESCRIPTION: The papers of Bishop Vincent M. Leonard include Sermons consisting of mostly undated handwritten and typed sermons he has given. Other records include Christmas and Easter Messages, (1971-1983), Speeches (undated), typewritten and handwritten invocations and short prayers and paraphrases or paragraphs from religious tracts and books. Appointment Book (1966), Correspondence, (1975-1983), Circular Letters, (1971-1991) and Awards (1952-1985) Bishop Leonard received. Essays (1976-1987) on legal issues faced by the Catholic Church and Miscellaneous Personal Items (1927-1992) include a passport, trip diary, prayer cards, baptism certificate, invitations to his installation as Bishop of Pittsburgh and his coat-of-arms.

SUBGROUP: 011 Bishop Anthony J. Bevilacqua*

DESCRIPTION: Administrative Files, (1983-1988) consisting primarily of memoranda and correspondence relating to the administration of the diocese.

SUBGROUP: 012 Bishop Donald W. Wuerl*

DESCRIPTION: Records include Pastoral Letters (1988-1992).