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Catholic Church Extension Society

Subgroup 1: History

Series 3: Rev. Richard R. St. John Records

Dates: 1919-1952

Creator: St. John, Rev. Richard R. (1895-1954)

Extent: 4.3 linear feet

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See Also: Catholic Church Extension Society Records

Biographical Sketch

Rev. Richard Ronald St. John was born on December 9, 1895 in Souris, Prince Edward Island. His family consisted of two sisters and four brothers. St. John enrolled at St. Dunstan's seminary and graduated in 1916. He then attended the University of Laval and the Grand Seminary of Quebec City. St. John was ordained on December 21, 1919 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island by the Most Rev. Henry J. O'Leary, D.D., Bishop of Charlottetown. He first served as an assistant at St. Dunstan's Cathedral for four years.

In 1924, he moved to Chicago and became editor for the Catholic Church Extension Society's *Extension* magazine. During this time, St. John suffered an illness and underwent a serious operation. After recuperating, he became the secretary to Bishop Francis C. Kelley of Oklahoma City, founder of the Catholic Church Extension Society. St. John spent six years in Oklahoma City and acquired hundreds of friends consequently becoming one of the most popular priests in Oklahoma. He also was the Director of the Order of Martha, which consisted of Catholic women who furthered the mission of the Society.

In 1940, St. John became the vice president and general secretary of the Catholic Church Extension Society. St. John celebrated his Silver Jubilee on December 21, 1944. On April 5, 1946, Rev. St. John was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate by His Holiness the Pope with the title of very reverend. In 1953, Pope Pius XII granted St. John the honorary title of protonotary apostolic, earning him the name monsignor. On

February 17, 1954, St. John died of a heart ailment in his residence after spending his entire priesthood in missionary work.

Scope and Content

The Rev. Richard R. St. John Records consists of 1.5 linear feet spanning the years 1919-1952. The collection consists of books, pamphlets; booklets, various publications, correspondence, notes, photos, and a scrapbook. The main subjects are Richard R. St. John and the Catholic Church Extension Society. The collection is organized alphabetically.

Series

Series 1: Personal Items, 1935-1944

This series contains booklets; photos; notes; correspondence; and a scrapbook. Subjects include Rev. Richard R. St. John's Silver Jubilee and elevation to Domestic Prelate, and correspondence concerning requests to the Extension Society for funding various projects.

Series 2: Publications, 1919-1952

This series contains pamphlets; booklets; books and publications. Subjects include Catholic Church Extension Society; American Board of Catholic Missions; Archbishop John Ireland; the Basilica of St. Mary of Minneapolis; Pope Pius XII; George Cardinal Mundelein; Bishop William David O'Brien; Saint Francis Preparatory Seminary; and St. Timothy's Church.

Subjects:

American Board of Catholic Missions
Catholic Church Extension Society
Archbishop John Ireland
George Cardinal Mundelein
Bishop William David O'Brien
Pope Pius XII
Saint Francis Preparatory Seminary
Rev. Richard R. St. John

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<i>Series 1: Personal Items, 1935-1946</i>			
1	1	“Facultates Archdioecesis Chicagiensis”	1935
1	2	Loose Notes by Reverend Richard R. St. John	N.D.
1	3	Personal Papers/Correspondence Rev. Richard R. St. John	1940-1942
1	4	Rev. R.R. St. John Domestic Prelate Documents	1946
1	5	Rev. R.R. St. John Photos	N.D.
1	6	Rev. R.R. St. John Silver Jubilee Spiritual Bouquet	1944
3		Rev. R.R. St. John Silver Jubilee Scrapbook	1944
<i>Series 2: Publications, 1919-1952</i>			
1	7	“Archbishop Ireland: Two Appreciations” by Most Reverend Edwin V. O’Hara and Richard J. Purcell	1948
1	8	“The Basilica of St. Mary of Minneapolis” by Rev. James M. Reardon	1932
1	9	“Catechism for Catholic Missions” by Rev. Richard J. Cushing	1942
1	10	“A Catechism of Christian Doctrine No. 2” by Ellamay Horan	1935
1	11	“Christ’s Career Women In Illinois” by Rev. Thomas A. Meehan, M.A., S.T.L.	1950
1	12	“The Church and her story of Charity” by Rev. James D. O’Shea	1948
1	13	“Church Extension Grows Up” by Rev. William D. O’Brien, D.D.	1942
1	14	“Constitution and By-Laws of The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America”	1940
1	15	“The Funeral Service of The Catholic Church”	1934
1	16	“International Atlas and Gazetteer of the World”	1930
1	17	“It is Happening Here” by J.F.N.	N.D.
1	18	“Joy in Religion” by John B. Delaunay, C.S.C.	1937
1	19	“La Croce Lateranense” by Giuseppe Cinquetti	1950
2	1	“Letters of A Bishop To His Flock” by George Cardinal Mundelein”	1927
2	2	“The Master and Pupil A Sermon” by Most Rev. James J. Byrne, S.T.D.	N.D.
2	3	“Menti Nostrae” by Pope Pius XII	1950
2	4	“The Most Reverend William David O’Brien	1934

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2	5	“Obligationes Missarum”	N.D.
2	6	“Program of Instructions on the Apostles Creed For the Ecclesiastical Year 1919-1920”	1919-1920
2	7	“Program of Instructions on the Commandments For the Ecclesiastical Year 1923-1924”	1923-1924
2	8	“Program of Instructions on Grace and the Sacraments For the Ecclesiastical Year 1924- 1925”	1924-1925
2	9	“Program of Instructions on ‘The Decalogue’ For the Ecclesiastical Year 1927-1928”	1927-1928
2	10	“Program of Instructions on The Liturgy of The Church For the Ecclesiastical Year 1932-1933”	1932-1933
2	11	“Report of the American Board of Catholic Missions”	1942-1943
2	12	“Report of the American Board of Catholic Missions”	1948-1949
2	13	“Saint Francis Preparatory Seminary 1950-1951”	1950-1951
2	14	“Saint Francis Preparatory Seminary 1951-1952”	1951-1952
2	15	“Science in the Modern World”	1948
2	16	“The Solemn Consecration of St. Timothy’s Church and First Mass”	1952
3		“Twenty Five Years of Extension Service”	1930