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Centennial office records  
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**Creator:** Borgard, John  
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**Level of description:** Folder  
**Processor & date:** Updated by K. Young, January 2014.

**Administration Information**

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**See Also:** Office of the President, James Maguire, S.J., records.

**Administrative History**

Established in the early 1960s, the centennial office was created in order to handle all the activities for the one hundredth year of Loyola University's creation. Headed by John Borgard, the centennial office was in charge of all events pertaining to the centennial year including fund raising, organizing the centennial dinners, the convocations, and the symposiums. Other duties included such diverse things such as creating a centennial medallion, helping create a Loyola sports hall of fame, and getting the state of Illinois to issue a proclamation about Loyola's centennial celebration.

Important parts of the centennial year were the symposia that went on. All symposia were designed to complement the theme of the centennial year which was "knowledge in the service of man". Five separate symposia were created. They were "Man in the Urban Complex", "The Brain and Human Behavior", "Current Evolution of Man's Sense of Values", "Freedom and the Human Sciences", and "Higher Education: Unity or Diversity". These symposia attracted a wide range of speakers from all around the world, including such famous scholars as Jean Piaget, Lord C.P. Snow, Victor Frankl, Gwendolyn Brooks and Noam Chomsky.

Another large undertaking by the centennial office was the contacting of Loyola University alumni. Eight areas from around the country were selected for their concentration of Loyola alumni. These areas were Los Angeles, San Francisco,
Cleveland-Akron, Washington, D.C., New York, Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, Phoenix-Tucson, and San Diego. Once these eight cities were chosen, alumni leaders were chosen from each city to head the alumni dinners. During the dinners, centennial medallions were given out to important alumni such as the one that went to Bob Newhart at the Los Angeles dinner. The biggest dinners, however, were in Chicago on October 1, 1969 and April 8, 1970.

The third main priority of the centennial office was the convocations. Four convocations took place during the 1969-1970 academic year, each one designed to complement the theme of the centennial year. Dozens of honorary degrees were handed out to esteemed people as the honorable Paul Simon, Jean Piaget and Lord C.P. Snow.

Besides these three functions, the centennial office was also in charge of many other special activities. One of the most notable was the centennial oratorio "100 Suns". In early 1969, Father Bruno Markatis, S.J. was commissioned by Loyola to create a musical work to commemorate the centennial year. The result, with the help of lyricist Bert Aker, S.J. was the oratorio "100 Suns", a compelling blend of orchestra, chorus, organ, ballet and a narration.

The centennial office, along with the theology department also created and hosted a conference on ecumenism. For four days, theologians from all over the United States and from as far as Denmark and Indonesia came to Loyola to discuss and debate important issues concerning the Christian world in the 1970's. The topics ranged from "Adult Education in an Ecumenical Age" to "The Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches in Dialogue Today".

**Scope and Content**

At the time that this collection was accessioned, it included six record containers and three archives boxes; however, after processing and removing duplicates, the amount of records was reduced to fourteen archives boxes. The files are arranged alphabetically and the records within each file are organized chronologically. This collection includes files from 1961 to 1970. The bulk of the records are from 1968 to 1970.

**Box 1** contains letters and certificates of congratulations about Loyola's centennial celebration. These certificates came from universities in the United States as well as from around the world including England, France, and Italy. The unbound certificates are placed in one folder and filed alphabetically. Bound certificates are filed separately and are also placed alphabetically.

**Boxes 2-4** contain blue folders created by the centennial office. These folders have been left in their original form and the only thing that the processor has done is file them into archive boxes. Each folder is arranged by category, and within each blue folder it is separated into specific files. The blue folders cover a wide range of information that occurred during the centennial year including the alumni dinners, the convocations, the symposiums, special events, and minutes from several centennial committee groups.

**Box 5** contains two medallions that were in the collection at the time that it was accessioned.
**Boxes 8 and 9** contain general correspondence that occurred during the years before and during the centennial year. The correspondence is separated by month. For example, all the correspondence from January from each year 1967 through 1970 is in one folder. This is how the correspondence was originally organized and the processor kept it in that order.

**Boxes 13 and 14** contain files taken from two large black binders labeled "Centennial-Public Relations Campaign".

The booklet "One Hundred Years of Knowledge in the Service of Man" was created by the centennial office. This booklet highlights the achievements and the people who have contributed to the growth of Loyola in the past 100 years.

"The Many Voces of Loyola", Acc. No. 81-97 was produced by WGN's Public Affairs Department in cooperation with the Loyola University of Chicago Sociology Department for Loyola's centennial. It presents insights into the attitudes and opinions of Loyola's undergraduates on the educational, sociological, and political aspects of American life.

The researcher may also like to examine the film "One Hundred Years of Progress," acc. no. 81-97. This film explores the history of Loyola University as a part of the city. Richard Matre and Father James Mertz, S.J., discuss the future of Loyola University.

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