



HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PROVINCE OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

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OBLIGATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS AND CONSULTATION

Consultation is by appointment only.

In your email, please specify the subject of your search, the years or century, name of Jesuits in which you are interested. Only documents produced up to the end of Pius XII's pontificate, October 1958, can be consulted. For the later period only: photographs, publications, grey literature are available.

HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION

The Historical Archives of the Jesuit Euro-Mediterranean Province preserve, protect and enhance the archival heritage of the Province. Our documentation consists mainly of the holdings of six former Provinces: the Veneto - Milanese Province, the Turinese Province, the Roman Province, the Neapolitan Province, the Sicilian Province and also the Italian Province. The archives have also their journals, documents of residences and colleges in Italy from 1814 onward. The Archives premises were fully renovated in 2019 and are accessible to people with disabilities. Our Archives are located in the Gesù complex, seat of the Curia first of the Roman Province, then of the Province of Italy and now of the Euro-Mediterranean Province. The deposit of the archival holdings of the other former Provinces unified in 1978 in the Province of Italy – Veneto-Milanese, Turinese, Roman, Napoean, Sicilian – is still in progress: some fonds are awaiting reordering, others are still at the offices of the former Provincial Curia of reference awaiting deposit.

FONDS DESCRIPTION

The main part of our holdings consists of the archives of the Italian provinces that were unified into the Province of Italy in 1978. Veneto-Milanese Province The holding includes documentation on residences, colleges and exercise houses in north-eastern Italy, from Lombardy to Friuli Venezia-Giulia. It also contains the *historiae domus* and correspondence relating to Albania and dependent missions of the Province: Bahia in Brazil, China, India. The fond measures approximately 100 linear metres; currently 243 folders and 700 registers and house diaries have been reordered.

Turinese Province

The fond measures about 100 linear metres and preserves the documentation produced by residences and colleges, the *historiae domus* and the Provincial's correspondence relating to them, for the following territories: Aosta Valley, Liguria, Piedmont, Sardinia and Corsica, Principality of Monaco. There are also documents from the dependent missions of this Province: Alaska, California, Rocky Mountains. Currently 81 folders and 350 registers have been reordered.

Roman Province

This is the main documentary nucleus of our Archive, and is the only fond kept in the same building where it originated.

The holding is entirely reordered with an inventory, and contains the papers of numerous residences in the territories of the former Papal States and neighbouring areas: part of Emilia Romagna, Tuscany, Umbria, Marche, Lazio. It also contains the correspondence of Jesuit missionaries and reports from the following mission territories: Brazil, China, India.

It measures approximately 300 linear metres.

Neapolitan Province

The fond measures approximately 120 linear metres and includes documentation from residences and works in Campania, Calabria, Apulia, Molise, Basilicata and Abruzzo.

Despite its considerable size, the fond is particularly lacking for the period 1814-1880. Much of the documentation produced up to 1860 was lost following the occupation of the S. Sebastiano complex, the seat of the Province, by Garibaldi's troops. In the years 1870-1880, the Province began a process of reorganisation, some communities and the Novitiate reopened, and thus also the production of documents resumed.

Sicilian Province

Although this holding is part of the archival heritage of the Province, most of its documentation is not yet in our Archive and is not reordered. There are 9 linear metres of material comprising: personal files of the Jesuits, reordered into 17 folders, documentation relating to the government of the Province.

Province of Italy

Most of the documentation of the Province of Italy is not available for consultation as it was produced after 1958.

The inventories of the following series: deceased Jesuits, candidates to the Society and also of those who left the Society are not available on this platform. For these data, please contact the EUM archives.

HISTORY OF THE FONDS

The fonds of each Province may include the following type of documentation:

- government of the Province – correspondence of the Provincials and Fathers, communications from the Holy See and other Institutions,
- houses and works – novitiates, probation houses, residences, colleges,
- Jesuits – admitted, deceased, dismissed, personal papers,
- economic matters – sold, rents, properties of the Province.

The fonds also include holdings which were transferred to our Archive by their institutes at the end of their activity. This is the case of the Mondragone College, whose archive is part of the holding of the Roman Province.

GUIDES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The inventories of some series of the provincial funds are available. For the Veneto-Milan and Turin Provinces: the inventory of the residences series (in preparation), the diaries and registers series, the personal files of the deceased and dismissed, the photographic series (albums only).

For the Neapolitan Province: the inventory of the personal files of the deceased and dismissed, that of the photographic series (albums and loose photos).

For the Roman Province: the inventory of the entire fonds.

For the Provincia Sicula: the inventory of the series of personal files of deceased and dismissed persons (partial series).

We also have the inventory of the Apostleship of Prayer Fund, the inventory of the St Francis Xavier Institute in Livorno (series of personal files of pupils, in progress), the inventory of the residence in Florence. Inventory of the papers of St Francis De Geronimo. Inventory of the "Opera Massaruti". Inventory of the Massimo Institute (school register series, photographic series in preparation, community and school series).

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