



IRISH JESUIT ARCHIVES

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HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION

The Irish Jesuit Archives was associated with the Irish Jesuit Provincialate, in the early part of the twentieth century. When the Provincialate moved from St Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin to Loyola House, Eglinton Road, Dublin in January 1958, the historic archives was deposited at St Ignatius, 36 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin. The archives lived a private life for many years - accessions were intermittent and documents were kept in unsatisfactory conditions, with some listing and re-boxing by several dedicated Jesuits. Key decisions in the 1990s transformed the archives: the renovation of the building, the doubling in size of the strong room, climate control, and metal shelves were installed. By 1998, the first external professional archivist was employed.

FONDS DESCRIPTION

The major collections include material on: - Jesuit colleges (Belvedere College SJ, Dublin; Clongowes Wood College SJ, Kildare; Coláiste Iognáid SJ, Galway; Crescent Comprehensive College SJ, Limerick; Mungret College SJ, Limerick; St Stanislaus College, Tullabeg, Offaly; Gonzaga College SJ, Dublin; University College, Dublin; Catholic Workers' College, Dublin); - Irish Colleges in Europe (Lisbon, Poitiers, Rome, Salamanca, Santiago de Compostela and Seville); - Chaplains (VEC Colleges, Emigrants in Britain, First World War and Second World War); - Individual Jesuit papers (over 800 individual files on Irish Jesuits); - Irish Jesuit Administration: Letters (1806-), Provincials' Correspondence (1831-), Visitations (1817-), Provincial Congregations (1832-), Retreats and Missions (1834-), Accounts (1760-), Catalogues (1817-); - Irish Jesuit residences (Loyola House, Dromore, County Down; Emo Court, County Laois; SFX, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin; John Austin House, Dublin; Killiney Castle, Dublin; St Ignatius House of Writers, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin; Loyola House, Dublin; Manresa House, Dollymount, Dublin; Milltown Park, Dublin; Rathfarnham Castle, Dublin; University Hall, Dublin and St Ignatius, Galway); - MacErlean Transcripts cover the years from 1527 to 1774, and include documents relating to ministries in Ireland and abroad. - Irish Jesuit Missions (Australia, Hong Kong, Isle of Man and Zambia); - Non-Jesuit material such as Francis Sylvester O'Mahony (1804-66), Judge John O'Hagan (1822-90), Edward Boyd Barrett (1883-1966), Eugene O'Curry (1796-1862), Rev. Dr. Charles William Russell (1812-80), John Henry Newman (1801-90), Peter Talbot, Archbishop of Dublin (1618-80) and General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny (1840-1914) - Sodality of Our Lady and Christian Life Communities (1863-1983);

HISTORY OF THE FONDS

The Irish Jesuit Archives contains the records of the Jesuits in Ireland from 1575 onwards. The archives primary role is to preserve the memory of Irish Jesuits. It acts as a bridge between past, present and future. They contain material offering a panorama of Jesuit life and works, across many generations, in times of persecution and exile, and in times of prosperity and growth. They exist in a wide variety of formats: paper records (parchment); photographs; microfilm; film; tape recordings; digitally born records. Ephemera such as beads, chalices, clothing, crucifixes, medals, relics, statues and artworks add to the mix.

GUIDES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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