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OBLIGATIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS AND CONSULTATION

The Archive is open Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM

The capacity will be limited to 10 researchers upon reservation.

To reserve a place, please email: arsi-info@sjcuria.org. Please indicate in the email the dates in which you would like to have access to the Archive and attach a detailed description of the research project (especially if it is a first visit to the Archive).

No access is permitted to documents later than 9 October 1958 (the death of Pope Pius XII).

FONDS DESCRIPTION

The Roman Archive of the Society of Jesus is the archive of the central government for the worldwide Society of Jesus. In this sense, it doesn't collect local archives but mainly only the documents of the General Curia (the central government of the Society).

Nevertheless, ARSI is a valuable source of information for local history, but only in the way this was linked to the central government (for example relations sent to the Father General and so on)

Except a few cases, ARSI does not preserve personal archives of famous Jesuits, but only the ones of the Fathers General of the New Society.

Even the letters preserved in ARSI are only the correspondences between Jesuits and Fathers General. Therefore, the correspondences between a Jesuit and a Father Provincial should be searched in the archives of the provinces instead of ARSI.

Main collections:

- The “Fondo Antica Compagnia” (Archives of the Old Society)

mainly includes the documents sent by Assistencies and Provinces before the suppression of the Society in 1773. You can download a summary inventory which explains the geographical structure of the collection and a list of the title of each volume for each Province.

- The “Fondo Nuova Compagnia” (Archives of the New Society)

is more or less the same as the previous collection, but related to the documents that arrived after the re-establishment of the Society in 1814 (it includes also the period 1774-1814 when the Society survived in Alba Russia).

Even in that case, the main part of the collection is the materials sent by Assistencies and Provinces.

Please keep in mind that there are other many collections related to the New Society that could be interesting (for example, the archives of Tacchi Venturi or the personal archives of Fathers General).

- The “Fondo Gesuitico” (Jesuitic Collection)

This is the third main block of documents preserved by ARSI.

It contains the archive of the old Procurator and so it includes mainly administrative or juridical documents related to the different houses, colleges or residences of the Society.

It also includes different materials such as documents related to the missions or the *Indipetae* (letters sent by Jesuits asking to be sent in mission).

GUIDES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

The Roman Jesuit Archives by Fr. Robert Danieluk, see <https://arsi.jesuits.global/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/The-Roman-Jesuit-Archives.pdf>

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