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**Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Francis Seminary)  
Records, 1864-1968  
AS 24**

**Volume**

0.7 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted

**Historical Note**

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary was established at St. Francis Seminary on May 1, 1864. The purpose of this organization was to foster proper devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. In September 1874 the Sodality was divided into two separate branches--the Classical students forming the Immaculate Conception Society, and the theologians and philosophers forming the Sodality of the Most Pure Heart. In the latter part of 1874, the library of the Sodality was begun; its collection met a real demand until 1942 when all the books were incorporated into the seminary's Salzmann Library.

**Scope and Content**

Proceedings, cashbooks, lists of members, and library records of this St. Francis Seminary student organization.

**Box and Folder List** *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. "B" is an abbreviation for box and "F" is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 1	F 1	Cashbooks, 1870-1889; 1916-1926
B 1	F 2	Library - Book List, ? - 1922
B 1	F 3	Library - Book List, 1923-1942
B 1	F 4	Library - Record of Books Drawn, 1900-1905
B 1	F 5	Library - Record of Books Drawn, 1915-1922
B 1	F 6	Library - Record of Books Drawn, 1916-1928
B 1	F 7	Library - Record of Books Drawn, 1922-1932
B 2	F 1	Members and Candidates, 1917-1927
B 2	F 2	Members, 1944-1966
B 2	F 3	Members, 1952-1968; Records, 1952-1968
B 2	F 4	Miscellaneous, n.d., 1930-1958
B 2	F 5	Prayers, n.d.
B 2	F 6	Report of Proceedings, April 30, 1864-1891; Members, 1964-1873
B 2	F 7	Sodalists, 1892-1923