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**Schools, Child and Youth Ministries Office
Religious Education Congress Programs, 1976-2003
AS 158**

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0.35 cubic feet

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Historical Note

The Child and Youth Ministries Office Religious Education Congress was in charge of a number of educational programs for the Catholic community. Most notably, the Congress began to host annual conferences regarding religious education in 1976, the program would later be referred to as the Religious Education Congress (REC). The first conference in 1976 was a great success with well over 1,000 attendees. The size of the conference continued to grow in popularity throughout the years. The conferences were held at Marquette University until the late 1980s at which time the conference location became the Cousins Center in St. Francis, WI. For a time, the conference was held at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. By the early 2000s the conference had grown so large that the location was again changed to the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha, WI. Each year the conference would focus on a different theme to generate thought and insight within the community.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*
This collection contains the programs from each year of the Congress, 1976-2003.