



The following is the finding aid for the Messmer High School, Milwaukee collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted. [Genealogists should consult our genealogical resources guide.](#) [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

**Messmer High School (Milwaukee, Wis.)
Records, 1924-1984
MC 75**

Volume
9 cubic feet

Access
Records are restricted except for yearbooks and photographs (boxes 19-26). Consult the archivist for more details.

Administrative Note
Messmer High School opened in 1926 as a diocesan high school. It was staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame; its first principal was Rev. Celestine Bittle. In 1928 the school's name was changed to Messmer High School. During the 1940's enrollment peaked at 1600 and gradually declined to the point where, in 1984, the Archdiocese withdrew financial support. That year Messmer became an independent, private high school. Though it retained its old name, it is not affiliated with the Archdiocese.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*
The collection consists primarily of financial records of a Catholic diocesan high school (1929-1984). It also contains yearbooks (1929-1984), photographs, and annual reports (1933-1978).

General Note
See also Messmer High School Principal Rev. [John M. Voelker \(MC 55\)](#)

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.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
<i>Series 1: Yearbooks</i>		
B 19	F 1	Yearbooks, 1929-1944
B 20		Yearbooks, 1945-1953
B 21		Yearbooks, 1954-1960
B 22		Yearbooks, 1961-1967
B 23		Yearbooks, 1968-1973
B 24		Yearbooks, 1974-1980
B 25		Yearbooks, 1981-1984

Box	Folder	Folder Title
<i>Series 2: Photographs</i>		
B 26	F 1	Class photos: 1934, 1937-53, 1956-64
B 26	F 2	Album: SUMA retreat, Holy Hill, April 1-3 1960
B 26	F 3	Fr. Voelker/Fr. Hale (?)
B 26	F 4	Messmer H.S. Events: 1942, 1949, 1951
B 26	F 5	Messmer H.S. Building/chapel
B 26	F 6	Messmer H.S. Cornerstone Laying, September 12, 1929
B 26	F 7	Messmer H.S. unidentified