



The following is the finding aid for the Rev. William J. Bronner 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.
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William J. Bronner, 1891-1973
Diaries, 1922-1926
MC 84

Volume
 0.2 cubic feet

Access
 Open/unrestricted

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

The collection contains six diaries of Monsignor William J. Bronner written during the 1920's when he was studying in Europe at the Gregorian University in Rome. The diaries are primarily in English (some in German) describing Bronner's travels throughout Europe. There is also a series of unused postcards that Bronner gathered from various locations around Rome while there. Additionally, a collection of letters from post-World War II Germany addressed to the Catholic Church of Milwaukee, with a few directly addressed to Bronner or St. Anne's church, which were in Bronner's possession are within. Most of them are in German with a few exceptions in English. The letters follow a formula of explaining individual circumstances followed by a request for food, clothing, or to be put in touch with a relative in the area. Bronner was a professor of moral theology at St. Francis Seminary (1926-1943) and a pastor for 27 years in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The diaries have been arranged chronologically. "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
B 1	F 1	Diary, 1922-1923 (volume 1)
B 1	F 2	Diary, 1923 (volume 2)
B 1	F 3	Diary, 1923-1924 (volume 3)
B 1	F 4	Diary, 1924 (volume 4)
B 1	F 5	Diary, 1924-1925 (volume 5)
B 1	F 6	Diary, 1925-1926 (volume 6)
B 2	F 2	Letters, April 1946
B 2	F 3	Letters, May 1946
B 2	F 4	Letters, October 1946
B 2	F 5	Letters, November 1946
B 2	F 6	Letters, December 1946
B 2	F 7	Letters, January 1947
B 2	F 8	Letters, February 1947

B 2	F 9	Letters, March 1947
B 2	F 10	Letters, April 1947
B 2	F 11	Letters, May 1947
B 2	F 12	Letters, June 1947
B 2	F 13	Letters, July 1947
B 2	F 14	Letters, August 1947
B 2	F 15	Letters, September 1947
Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 2	F 16	Letters, October 1947
B 2	F 17	Letters, November 1947
B 2	F 18	Letters, Unknown Date
B 2	F 1	Postcards from Rome
B 1	F 1	Diary, 1922-1923 (volume 1)
B 1	F 2	Diary, 1923 (volume 2)
B 1	F 3	Diary, 1923-1924 (volume 3)
B 1	F 4	Diary, 1924 (volume 4)
B 1	F 5	Diary, 1924-1925 (volume 5)
B 1	F 6	Diary, 1925-1926 (volume 6)