



The following is the finding aid for the St. Rose of Lima Parish, Racine 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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St. Rose of Lima Congregation (Racine, Wis.)

Records, 1884 – 1997

MC 105

Volume

10.35 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except for marriage files and financial reports to archdiocese.

Administrative Note

The parish was founded in 1886 to serve the English-speaking (mostly Irish) residents of the south side of Racine. The original building was built at the corner of 11th and Grand, with the first floor used for school and the second floor used for church services. The school was staffed by Racine Dominicans when it opened in 1888. A larger church was built in 1904 on the opposite corner, with the school taking up the rest of the original building. Six classrooms and a gymnasium were added to the school in 1957. In 1969, due to declining enrollment and fewer religious available to teach, the school was closed. The school building was used as a parish hall and leased to community organizations such as the Racine County Opportunity Center, the Peppermint Gymnastics Academy, and the Community Action Agency. A parish council was formed in 1978, and there was repeated discussion that the parish might close in the early 1980s. In 1998 St. Rose and four other Racine parishes merged to form St. Richard Congregation.

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

This collection contains the records from St. Rose of Lima Parish, Racine, WI. It contains graduation photos for most years from 1917 – 1969, files relating to the closure of the school in 1969 and its subsequent disposition, correspondence from Rev. Richard Moelter to parishioners in the early 1980s, minutes and correspondence from the Parish Council which comprehensively trace the activities of the group from its creation in 1978 until 1996, and complete runs of bulletins for the years 1980-1983, 1987 and 1989.

General Note

See also Rev. Daniel J. Garvey Collection, MC 198.

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
B 1	F 1	Accounting, 1982-1983
B 4		Altar Society (Ledger), 1957-1980
B 3	F 1	Annual Parish Meetings, 1980-1984

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 2	Asbestos Removal, 1988
B 4		Baseball Score Book, 1964-1967
B 3	F 2	Booklets, 1901-1968
B 1	F 3	Building Inspection Reports, 1990-1997
B 1	F 4	Bulletins, May 1939-April 1940
B 1	F 5	Bulletins (incomplete run), 1939-1949
B 3	F 3	Bulletins (Samples), 1962 & 1984
B 3	F 4-21	Bulletins, 1980-1997
B 1	F 51	Bulletins – St. Rose & St. Casimir, July 1997–June 1998; St Richard, July-August 1998
B 1	F 7	C.C.D., 1979-1981
B 1	F 8	C.C.D., 1981-1984
B 1	F 9	C.C.D., 1984-1985
B 3	F 2	Catholic Education Committee of Racine, 1965-1969
B 1	F 6	Catholic Mutual Insurance, 1991-1997
B 1	F 10	Cemetery Information, 1977-1981
B 1	F 11	Cemetery Information, 1982-1983
B 1	F 12	Cemetery Information, 1983-1985
B 1	F 13	Cemetery Information, 1983-1987
B 1	F 14	Census Information, 1980-1991
B 1	F 15	Centennial Celebration, 1983-1986
B 1	F 16	Centennial Celebration Booklet, 1985-1986
B 1	F 17	Church Collections, 1984
B 1	F 18	Church Memorials, 1957
B 1	F 19	Church Photographs, n.d.
B 1	F 20	Church Photographs, 1967
B 1	F 21	Clergy, 1983-1984
B 1	F 22	Clergy, 1985-1987
B 1	F 23	Community Action Agency, 1983-1984
B 1	F 24	Community Action Agency, 1985-1987
B 3	F 23	Contracts, 1988-1997
B 1	F 25	Correspondence, Archdiocese, 1979-1981
B 1	F 26	Correspondence, Archdiocese, 1981-1983
B 1	F 27	Correspondence, Archdiocese, 1984-1986
B 1	F 28	Correspondence, Church, 1982-1983
B 1	F 29	Correspondence, Church, 1984
B 1	F 30	Correspondence, Church, 1985-1986
B 1	F 31	Correspondence, Collections, 1979-1982
B 1	F 32	Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1979-1981
B 1	F 33	Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1982-1983
B 1	F 34	Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 1985-1986
B 1	F 35	Correspondence, Personal, 1984
B 1	F 36	Correspondence, Renewal Newsletter, 1980-1981
B 3	F 24	Financial Reports to Archdiocese, 1963-1981 (restricted)
B 3	F 25	Financial Reports to Archdiocese, 1982-1987 (restricted)
B 1	F 35	Financial Reports to Archdiocese, 1988-1996 (restricted)
B 1	F 38	Financial Statements, 1961-1976
B 3	F 26	Financial Statements, 1981-1984
B 3	F 27	Financial Statements, 1984-1993

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B 1	F 39	Graduation Photos, 1917-1928
B 1	F 40	Graduation Photos, 1929-1939
B 1	F 41	Graduation Photos, 1940-1947
B 1	F 42	Graduation Photos, 1948-1959
B 1	F 43	Graduation Photos, 1961-1968
B 1	F 44	Grounds Maintenance, 1985-1986
B 1	F 45	Hold Harmless Agreements, 1991-1997
B 4		Home & School Association, Minutes, 1954-1960
B 1	F 46	Home & School Association, 1965-1967
B 2	F 1	Insurance Contracts, 1994-1997
B 1	F 47	Insurance, 1968-1971
B 1	F 48	Insurance, 1982-1983
B 1	F 49	Insurance, 1984
B 1	F 50	Insurance, 1985-1987
B 3	F 28	Lay Ministers, 1982-1984
B 3	F 29	Lay Ministers, 1983-1984
B 2	F 2	Lay Ministers, 1985-1987
B 4		Ledger, 1942-1945 (restricted)
		Ledger, 1942-1959 (restricted)
B 4		Ledger, 1946-1948 (restricted)
B 2	F 3	Ledger, 1979-1980 (restricted)
B 4		Ledger, 1985-1986 (restricted)
B 4		Ledger, 1986-1987 (restricted)
B 4		Ledger, 1987-1988 (restricted)
B 4		Ledger, 1987-1988 (restricted)
B 4		Ledger, 1988-1989 (restricted)
B 3	F 30	Legal Papers, 1884-1959
B 2	F 4	Organ, 1978-1983
B 2	F 5	Parish Activities, 1984-1985
B 2	F 18	Parish Council, Miscellaneous, 1984
B 2	F 6	Parish Council Constitution & By-Laws, 1991
B 2	F 7	Parish Council Correspondence, 1979-1983
B 2	F 8	Parish Council Correspondence, 1984
B 2	F 9	Parish Council Elections, 1982-1984
B 2	F 10	Parish Council Executive & Steering Committees, 1979-1983
B 2	F 11	Parish Council Minutes, 1979-1982
B 2	F 12	Parish Council Minutes, 1982-1983
B 2	F 13	Parish Council Minutes, 1983-1986
B 2	F 14	Parish Council Minutes, 1984
B 2	F 15	Parish Council Minutes, 1985-1986
B 2	F 16	Parish Council Minutes, 1987-1992
B 2	F 17	Parish Council Minutes, 1993-1997
B 2	F 19	Parishioner Lists, 1980 & 1995
B 2	F 20	Payroll, 1989-1996
B 2	F 21	Peppermint Gymnastics Academy, 1982-1985
B 2	F 22	Pew Rent & Articles of Incorporation, 1906-1926
B 2	F 25	Photographs, Centennial Year, 1986
B 5		Photographs, Church and School, c. 1900-1967
B 2	F 23	Photographs, 1905-1960[?]

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 2	F 24	Photographs, 1928-1982
B 2	F 26	Properties Committee, 1981-1982
B 2	F 27	Publicity, 1982-1983
B 2	F 28	Racine Catholic Clergy Association, 1983-1984
B 2	F 29	Racine County Opportunity Center
B 3	F 31	Racine County Opportunity Center, 1976-1980
B 3	F 32	Renewal Newsletter, 1980
B 3	F 33	Renovation Contracts & Materials, 1974-1976
B 3	F 34	Rev. Daniel J. Garvey Memorial Materials, 1983
B 2	F 31	School, Autograph Books, [1950]
B 2	F 30	School Appraisals, 1979-1981
B 4		School Building Fund Appeal Scrapbook, 1957
B 3	F 35	School Building Fund Appeal, 1957
B 2	F 32	School Closing Materials, 1968-1969
B 3	F 36	School Closing Materials, 1968-1969
B 3	F 37	School Newsletters, 1965-1968
B 2	F 33	School Photographs, 1946-1967
B 2	F 34	School Photographs, 1968-1969
B 3	F 38	School Sale Survey Ballots, 1981
B 4		School Scrapbook, 1950
B 4		School Scrapbook, 1965-1966
B 2	F 35	Student Photos from Scrapbook, [1950]
B 2	F 36	Student Rosters, 1959 & 1964
B 2	F 37	Study Report Recommendations to Catholic Education Committee of Racine, 1969
B 2	F 38	Tax Returns, 1987-1996
B 3	F 39	Wills & Bequests, 1975-1983
B 2	F 40	Wills & Bequests, 1984-1990
B 2	F 41	Wills & Bequests, 1991-1997
B 2	F 39	Work Estimates, 1987-1996