



The following is the finding aid for the Rev. Nicholas Brust 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. [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

Nicholas Brust, 1874-1957
Records, 1891-1957
MC 134

Volume
 1 cubic foot

Access
 Open/unrestricted.

Biographical Note

Nicholas Brust was born in Bayview, WI on October 15, 1874. He was educated at Sacred Heart Grade School, Pio Nono High School and College, and St. Francis Seminary. After being ordained to the priesthood on June 21, 1903, Brust was assigned to teach physics, chemistry, and accounting at Pio Nono. In June 1921 he was appointed as Procurator of St. Francis Seminary, where he remained until his death on March 28, 1957. Brust was made a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII on July 6, 1954.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of photos and negatives of people and places near St. Francis Seminary including Pio Nono, St. Mary’s Academy, Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Convent, the Academy Chapel, Seminary Woods Cemetery, class photos from Pio Nono, Sacred Heart Academy, and the Seminary, the construction of Miller Gym, and Seminary buildings and grounds. There are photos of events such as a banquet for Bishop Albert Meyer, Brust’s ordination and 25th anniversary, and the visit of the *Spirit of St. Louis* airplane. The collection also includes photos of a farm in Highland, WI, missionaries in other states and countries, and University of St. Mary by the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. There are also photos of unidentified people, buildings, and churches. There are scrapbooks of Pio Nono, as well as oversize class photos and photos of Brust.

The collection also consists of postcards written to Brust, blank postcards depicting various churches, Seminary Alumni Association correspondence, prayer cards, cards with spiritual offerings, Brust’s student records from Pio Nono and St. Francis Seminary, and Brust’s funeral memorial book. Brust’s drawing books are included as well as cartoon drawings that do not appear to be made by Brust.

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	Academy Chapel, Negatives, 1941 February 8
B 1	F 2	Academy Chapel, Photos, 1941 February 8
B 1	F 3	Airplanes, Photos, 1927-1928
B 1	F 4	Bishop Albert Meyer, Banquet, Photos 1946 May 01

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B 1	F 5	Buildings and Churches, Photos, n.d.
B 1	F 6	Cards, Spiritual Offerings, 1946-1947
B 1	F 7	Cartoons, 1902-1903
B 1	F 8	Class Photos, c. 1908-1916
B 3	F 41	Class Photos, 1905-1920
B 1	F 9	Drawing Books, 1891-1893
B 1	F 10	Funeral Memorial Book, 1957
B 1	F 11	Golden Jubilee Photo Album, 1925 September 27
B 1	F 12	Highland Farm, Negatives, 1934 October 25
B 1	F 13	Highland Farm, Photos, 1934 October 25
B 1	F 14	Miller Gym Construction, Photos, 1926
B 1	F 15	Missionaries, Photos, 1931
B 1	F 16	Negatives, misc., n.d.
B 1	F 17	Nicholas Brust, Photos, c. 1928
B 3	F 42	Nicholas Brust, Photos, 1903-1928
B 3	F 39	Nicholas Brust's Student Records, 1891-1902
B 1	F 18	Pio Nono, Photos, 1893-1935
B 3	F 40	Pio Nono, Scrapbooks, n.d.
B 1	F 19	Postcards, Correspondence, 1900-1907
B 2	F 20	Postcards, Correspondence, 1907
B 2	F 21	Postcards, Correspondence, 1907-1908
B 2	F 22	Postcards, Correspondence, 1908-1909
B 2	F 23	Postcards, Correspondence, 1909-1912
B 2	F 24	Postcards, Blank, n.d.
B 2	F 25	Prayer Cards, 1933
B 2	F 26	St. Franis Seminary, Buildings, Photos, c. 1931-1949
B 2	F 27	St. Francis Seminary, Grounds, Negatives, 1931-1943
B 2	F 28	St. Francis Seminary, Grounds, Photos, c. 1931-1948
B 2	F 29	St. Francis Seminary, People, Photos, 1903-1946
B 2	F 30	St. Mary's Academy, Negatives, 1929-1944
B 2	F 31	St. Mary's Academy, Photos, 1928-1944
B 2	F 32	Seminary Alumni Association Correpsondence, 1934-1936
B 2	F 33	Seminary Woods, Cemetery, Negatives, 1943 November
B 2	F 34	Seminary Woods, Cemetery, Photos, 1943 November
B 2	F 35	Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Convent, Negatives, c. 1944
B 2	F 36	Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi Convent, Photos, c. 1937-1944
B 2	F 37	Unidentified People, Photos, n.d.
B 2	F 38	University of St. Mary by the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois, c. 1926