



*The following is the finding aid for the Pilgrim People 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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**Pilgrim People**  
**Choir Records and Albums, 1973-1985**  
**MC 137**

**Access**  
Open/unrestricted

**Historical Note**

The Pilgrim People were an influential Milwaukee Choir group from 1968 until the late 1990s, known for introducing more contemporary pop and rock influences to their liturgical music. Over their lifespan, the group boasted a total of 250 musicians and singers, a children's choir and a troop of liturgical dancers, and released four albums of music on independent record labels. The group was also known for their charity work, asking for charity donations of food instead of appearance fees, raising over 130 tons of food for needy people and families. The choir disbanded in the late 1990s, feeling that their mission of introducing popular music influences to liturgical music had been accomplished.

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

This collection contains administrative and legal correspondence between members of Pilgrim People, their record labels, their legal department and the Wisconsin State Department; advertising fliers; minutes from band committee meetings and vinyl copies of all four of the Pilgrim People albums: Pilgrim People, Pilgrim People, Pilgrim People on the Move and Pilgrim People Updated.

**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    | Administrative/Legal Documents, 1977-1978 |
| B 1 | F 2    | Advertising Flyers, 1977-1983             |
| B 1 | F 3    | Committee Meeting Minutes, 1977-1978      |
| B 2 |        | Vinyl Records, c. 1973-1985               |