



The following is the finding aid for the Leo Schiffler 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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Leo Schiffler, 1892-1981

Scrapbooks

MC 141

Volume

0.3 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted.

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

This collection contains two scrapbooks and one photograph.

The larger scrapbook measures 12" x 10" and is bound with a cord. The photographs are affixed to the pages with glue and/or photo corners. Several photographs are dated from 1917 and one is dated from 1919. There is also a picture of the wreckage of the cruise vessel Christopher Columbus. This vessel, while being towed in the Milwaukee River, was hit by a strong current and forced ashore on June 30, 1917. Based on this we can date the scrapbook to 1917.

There are several themes present in the large scrapbook. Numerous photographs are of outdoor scenes labeled Sheboygan, WI. There are also photographs of seminarians, which include formal images, dormitory life and leisure activities. Notably there are photographs of a baseball team where members' jerseys are embroidered with "Theo." The seminarian's theatrical productions are also represented. The scrapbook holds many photographs of children some are coed groups, but most are separated into female and male groupings of varying age levels from young children to teens. There are more formal "class" photographs where children are holding books and other educational tools such as globes. Some photographs represent First Holy Communion and possibly Confirmation. There seem to be family photographs, presumably Fr. Schiffler's family in the Sheboygan area. These include lay people, automobiles, pets as well as hunting and nature scenes. Several photographs of a church are included, which may be Holy Name Catholic Church in Sheboygan. There are also several images of the Northern Furniture Company and the surrounding area in Sheboygan.

The separate black and white photograph measures 4" x 5" and is affixed to a black piece of board measuring 5.5" x 6.5". Pictured is a "Telegraph Office" table with a canopy fashioned with the American flag. The table is indoors. There are four women standing at the table in early 1900s fashions. There are three young boys in front of the table who are neatly dressed.

The smaller scrapbook is unbound. The pages measure 10.5" x 7". The black and white photographs are affixed to each page with glue. Captions are provided for select photographs. Many photographs represent seminarian activities including a 2018 baseball team. The name of the team is not explicitly indicated, but the jerseys say "Theo." A group of seminarians also stands before a building labeled 'Poets Corner' in one photo. Pictures of cast members of theatrical productions of "Macbeth" (1918) and "The Monks Pardon" (1918) are also included. "The Monks Pardon" was produced by the St. James Literary Society.

Additionally, there is a photograph of the class of 1918 taken on May 30, 1918, captioned "Theologians." There are numerous photographs of priests including: Father Fabian OMC "Our Missionary," Rev. D.F. Thill, Rev. T. Fagan, Rev. Joseph Henige and others. Events represented are the cornerstone laying at St. Charles Boys Home (1920) in Milwaukee. Pictures of the First Holy Communion of Henrietta and Germaine from June 23, 1918, at the Holy Name Church in Techny, IL. There are pictures of "brothers" Joe and Al as well as Schiffler's Uncle Matt and Father. Also included in the small scrapbook is a July 25, 1924, trip to visit Rev. F. Hassler in Sheldon, IN. Photographs from other locations are also included such as Shades, IN, Indianapolis, IN, Cleveland, OH, Elkhart, IL, Reeseville, WI, Bayview, WI (1923), the Milwaukee River (1924) as well as geological formations of "mushroom rocks." There are photographs of St. John's Institute, St. Francis de Sales Seminary and St. Clement's Church in Sheboygan, WI.

Biographical Note

Rev. Leo Robert Schiffler was born on September 17, 1892, in Sheboygan, WI. Fr. Schiffler studied the classics at St. Lawrence College, Mt. Calvary and then Theology at St. Francis de Sales seminary in Milwaukee. He was ordained on June 16, 1916, at St. Francis Seminary by the Most Rev. S.G. Messmer. Rev. Schiffler served as Assistant Pastor at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood. In 1923 he was transferred to Holy Rosary Parish on Milwaukee's east side. In August of 1925, Rev. Schiffler assumed the Pastorate of St. Mary's Parish in Cascade, WI with the mission of St. Michael, Mitchell. On December 11, 1931, he was appointed Pastor of St. Veronica Parish in Milwaukee. He then became the Pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Milwaukee in 1946. In August of 1964, Rev. Schiffler retired and lived at the Anna Reis Home in Sheboygan where he served as Chaplain. Rev. Schiffler fully retired in 1967 and resided at St. Anne's Home for the Elderly until his passing on August 25, 1981, at 88 years of age. He is buried at Calvary cemetery in Sheboygan.

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		Leo Schiffler Scrapbook (Large)
B	F1	Leo Schiffler Scrapbook (Small) and Photograph