



The following is the finding aid for the Rev. Gabriel W. Hafford 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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Gabriel W. Hafford
Papers, 1950-1965
MC 184

Volume
0.2 cubic feet

Access
Open/unrestricted

Biographical Note

Rev. Gabriel W. Hafford was born on July 17, 1905, in Watertown, WI. He attended Marquette High School from 1920 to 1921 and completed his education at St. Francis de Sales Seminary from 1921 to 1932. On May 21, 1932, Rev. Hafford was ordained at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee, WI by Archbishop Stritch. He then served as the assistant pastor of St. Frederick Parish in Cudahy, WI (1932), St. Patrick Parish in Fond du Lac, WI (1933), St. Monica Parish in Whitefish Bay, WI (1934) and Immaculate Conception Parish in Milwaukee, WI (1935). Rev. Hafford served two years (1935-1936) as a professor at Pio Nono College. In 1937, he began his 5-year service at St. John's Cathedral in Milwaukee, after which he was appointed pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Butler, WI in 1942. Rev. Hafford served as a professor's chair and Spiritual Director of St. Francis Major Seminary from 1948-1966. In 1966, he was appointed Pastor of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in Milwaukee. Rev. Hafford suffered a heart attack and died at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee on July 20, 1966.

Reverend G. W. Hafford was known for his writing, which appeared in newspapers, his speaking, as well as his appearances on radio and television.

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

This collection contains Rev. Hafford's lecture notes used when he taught courses on Deacons, Theology I, II, II, and Philosophy II at St. Francis Major Seminary. Also included is correspondence related to the "Masses for Shut-Ins," which were televised on the ABC affiliate in Milwaukee, WITI-TV, in 1965 and 1966, which Rev. Hafford was involved in. The correspondence includes positive viewer reactions to the televised masses.

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	Deacons, 1951-1965
B 1	F 2	Mass For Shut-Ins, 1964-1965
B 1	F 3	Philosophy II, 1950-1965
B 1	F 4	Theology I, 1951-1964

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 5	Theology II, 1958-1965
B 1	F 6	Theology Conferences III, 1951-1964