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Raymond J. Kurkiewicz, 1916-2004
Papers 1931-2001 [Bulk 1944-1990]
MC 209

Volume

1.0 cubic foot

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Biographical Note

Fr. Raymond J. Kurkiewicz was born October 12, 1916 in Milwaukee, WI. He attended St. Casimir grade school in Milwaukee before he entered Bonventure Minor Seminary in Sturtevant in 1931. He then entered St. Francis Seminary in 1935 and because of World War II, he was ordained as a priest early, on December 8, 1942. He celebrated his first mass December 13, 1942 at St. Casimir. He served as an assistant at St. Hyacinth for 18 years until he became ill in 1959. In 1961, he was assigned to St. Mary, Fox Lake, and was later assigned to St. Bruno, Dousman in 1964. He was there less than a year before he was assigned to St. Barbara, Milwaukee in 1965. As both pastor and principle, Fr. Kurkiewicz continued to serve there until his retirement in 1982. After his retirement, Fr. Kurkiewicz served as a help out priest at St. John Kanty in Milwaukee until his death on May 16, 2004. Fr. Kurkiewicz was strongly connected to the Polish community, delivering sermons in Polish and helping to raise funds for a Polish shrine.

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

This collection primarily contains the sermons and reference material of Fr. Raymond J. Kurkiewicz. The earliest of these sermons are completely typed out in Polish, but Fr. Kurkiewicz switched to English in the 1960s and an outline format in the 1970s. Newspaper and magazine articles included with the sermons may be in either English or Polish. There are also photograph albums and scrapbooks which Fr. Kurkiewicz kept throughout his ministry. Notable are pictures of his early ministry at St. Hyacinth, his 1950 trip to the Vatican, and his anniversary at St. Barbara. In addition, this collection contains subject files of Fr. Kurkiewicz involvement in issues like movie morality, integration, and abortion.

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	Biographical, Misc., 1931-2001
B 1	F 2	Conference, Objawienie Matki Najiv i Czas Apohaliptyzny, 1958-1959
B 1	F 3	Correspondence, Politics, 1990-2000
B 1	F 4	Integration, July 1976
B 1	F 5	Invocation & Benediction, Fox Lake, June 2, 1961
B 1	F 6	Lecture, Graduation, 1970-1980

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B 1	F 7	Lecture, Mystical Body, [n.d.]
B 1	F 8	Lecture, Sex Education, 1934-1981
B 1	F 9	Legion of Decency Committee, 1957-1964
B 1	F 10	Liturgy, May Crowning, 1951-1968
B 1	F 11	Liturgy, Polish, 1975
B 1	F 12	Liturgy, Shrine of Fatima, 1965-1981
B 1	F 13	Liturgy, Way of the Cross, 1972
B 1	F 14	Photos, Fox Lake, 1963-1965
B 1	F 15-16	Photos, Misc. 1932-1992, Part 1 of 2
B 1	F 17	Photo Album, St. Barbara 16 years, January 10, 1982
B 1	F 18	Photo Album, St. Hyacinth 15 years Celebration, [ca.1950s]
B 1	F 19	Photo Album, St. Hyacinth Ceremony, [ca.1940s]
B 1	F 20	Photo Album, Vatican Visit & Misc., 1937-1989
B 1	F 21	Polish National Catholic Church, 1936
B 1	F 22	Prayer, General, 1942
B 1	F 23	Prayer, Morning and Evening, [n.d.]
B 1	F 24	Prayer, Rosary, 1941-1979
B 1	F 25	Scrapbook, Seraph Yearbook, 1931-1942
B 1	F 26	Scrapbook, Sermon Reference, 1949-1961
B 1	F 27	Scrapbook, This is your Life, [1925] – 1972
B 1	F 28	Sermons, 40 hours, 1981-1985
B 1	F 29	Sermons, Advent, 1954-1095
B 1	F 30	Sermons, Catechismal Instruction, 1945-1959
B 1	F 31	Sermons, Christmas and New Year, 1949-1981
B 1	F 32-33	Sermons, Cycle A, 1976-1990
B 1	F 34	Sermons, Cycle B, 1979-1989
B 1	F 35	Sermons, Cycle C, 1979-1989
B 1	F 36	Sermons, Easter Sunday, 1952-1990
B 1	F 37	Sermons, Funeral and Consecration, 1940-1945
B 1	F 38	Sermons, Holy Name, 1949-1962
B 1	F 39	Sermons, Lent, 1952-1982
B 1	F 40	Sermons, Matrimony & Children, 1932-1947
B 1	F 41	Sermons, Memorial Day, 1968
B 1	F 42	Sermons, Mission Sunday, 1951-1969
B 1	F 43	Sermons, Mother's Day, [n.d.]
B 1	F 44	Sermons, Original Sin and Biology, 1942-1944
B 1	F 45	Sermons, Patriotic, 1944-1976
B 1	F 46	Sermons, Patron Saints, [1942]-1946
B 1	F 47	Sermons, Sacred Heart, 1946-1972
B 1	F 48	Sermons, Sacraments of Penance, 1940-1974
B 1	F 49	Sermons, Sacraments, 1949-1972
B 1	F 50	Sermons, Thanksgiving, 1945-1982
B 1	F 51	Sermons, Vocation, 1972-1985