



The following is the finding aid for the Rev. Francis Vajda 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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Francis Vajda, 1919-1987

Papers, 1929-1963

MC 252

Volume

0.45 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted

Biographical Note

Fr. Francis (Frank) George Vajda was born on July 14, 1919, in Maramarosziget, Hungary. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Church of the Gesu in Rome on October 31, 1943. On July 3, 1945 he obtained his doctorate in Theology summa cum laude from the Gregorian University. On January 29, 1951 the Pontifical Assistance Commission entrusted Father Vajda to assist with the Hungarian refugees in Italy. On December 25, 1951 he was awarded the Bronze Cross by the Supreme Council of the Holy Year by authority of Pope Pius XII for his assistance with the Jubilee Year.

With permission of the Sacred Consistorial congregation, Father Vajda came to the United States. After serving three months as an assistant in a parish in Minneapolis, he was sent to Milwaukee. On September 10, 1952 he was made assistant in St. Lucy Parish in Racine, Wisconsin, then on August 1, 1955 Father Vajda was appointed Pastor of St. Lucy Parish, where he served until his death in 1987.

Father Vajda was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on November 29, 1978.

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

This is a collection of papers (1929-1963) pertaining to Father Vajda's education in Hungary and in Rome, Italy as well as his emigration to the United States. The papers are in Hungarian, Latin, and English.

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	Papers, 1937-1945
B 1	F 2	Papers, 1929-1963
B 1	F 3	Ordination certificate, 1943