



*The following is the finding aid for the Thomas More Gard papers 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. A small selection of these papers are [available at this link](#). [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material](#).*

**Thomas More Gard, 1936-2023**

**Papers, n.d.**

**MC 291**

**Volume**

0.20 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted

**Arrangement**

Alphabetical

**Biographical Note**

Thomas More Gard was born in Wauwatosa, WI on October 3, 1936, and grew up in Oconomowoc, WI. He attended St. Francis Minor Seminary from 1950-1956, and then St. Francis Major Seminary from 1956-1959. He attended St. Francis School of Philosophy and Theology from 1959-1963. He continued his education at the University of Notre Dame and St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI. Gard was ordained into the priesthood on May 25, 1963, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. He was assigned to St. Mary's in Sheboygan Falls from 1963-1965, and was later transferred to St. Monica's in Whitefish Bay from 1965-1971. From 1968 to 1971 he taught religion at Dominican High School. He left the priesthood in 1971. From 1971 to 1985 Gard taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and worked as a regional manager for Brunswick and AMF. He left AMF in 1985, and in 1987 he married Linda in Houston, Texas. The couple moved from Houston to Washington State where they lived from 1987-2014. In 2014 they moved back to Waukesha and Gard retired. He passed away on November 14, 2023.

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

The collection contains writings on a variety of religious topics. Many quotes are included in the files.

**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    | Character Reveals Itself, n.d.         |
| B 1 | F 2    | Conveyer Belt, n.d.                    |
| B 1 | F 3    | Earth Housing Project, n.d.            |
| B 1 | F 4    | Excellence, n.d.                       |
| B 1 | F 5    | Freedom, American Exceptionalism, n.d. |
| B 1 | F 6    | Lou Holz, 1997                         |
| B 1 | F 7    | Our Legacy, 7/23/2009                  |

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Folder Title</b> |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| B 1        | F 8           | The Passion, n.d.   |
| B 1        | F 9           | The Truth, n.d.     |
| B 1        | F 10          | Untitled            |
| B 1        | F 11          | Untitled            |
| B 1        | F 12          | Who Are You? n.d.   |