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Summary Information

Creator: Chartrand, Bishop Joseph Chartrand

Title: Bishop Joseph Chartrand Papers

Date: 20 January 2021

Extent: 4 linear feet 6 inches (4 Hollinger boxes), 2 large boxes and 1 tube

Language: English, Latin

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to researches at the Archives of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Advance appointments are required for the use of archival materials.

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Location of related materials:

Biographical/Historical Note

The Right Reverend Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of Indianapolis, was born in St. Louis, MO on May 11, 1870. He was ordained at the Cathedral in Indianapolis by Bishop Chatard on September 24, 1892 and was appointed assistant pastor of the Cathedral and secretary to the bishop. On September 15, 1910, he was consecrated titular bishop of Flavia and coadjutor with right of succession to Bishop Chatard by Archbishop Diomedeo Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States. He was appointed archbishop of Cincinnati by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925, but he declined the assignment and remained in Indianapolis. He dedicated the new Cathedral High School at 14th and Meridian Streets on September 11, 1927. (Today, the Catholic Center of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.) Chartrand was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III on February 22, 1932. He died of a heart attack on December 8, 1933. His body was interred in the crypt of the Cathedral but was moved in 1976 to the Cavalry Cemetery Mausoleum. The main chapel at Marian University is named in his honor.

Scope & Content Note

This collection consists of materials regarding Joseph Chartrand including those that were written by him, correspondence addressed to him as well as content written about him. These documents provide historical pictorial, and other information about the life of Joseph Chartrand and events in the history of the diocese of Indianapolis.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in a series of six boxes, with the first box consisting of biographical/pictorial information and personal journals. The second box consists of correspondence pertaining to his consecration and notes of condolence that were received by his successor, Bishop Joseph E. Ritter. The third box contains meeting notes, misc. correspondence and the pastoral correspondence that he composed throughout his tenure as bishop. The fourth box contains personal affects, ledgers and books. Box five contains old newspapers commemorating his death while the sixth box contains the papal decrees that were read during his consecration.

Administrative Information

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Processing Note: Materials were rehoused in acid-free boxes and folders; staples and other bindings were removed. Larger items were flattened and preserved in larger, acid-free boxes with archival tissue paper placed in between materials.

Collection

Box Number	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	Divita Biography	1983
	2	Hickey Biography	1970
	3	Misc Biography	
1	4	Newspaper Clippings	1880-1897
1	5	Scholastic report (Innsbruck)	1890
1	6	Seminary Records/etc.	1888-1891
1	7	Travel Diary	1894
1	8	Consecration materials	1910
1	9	Cincinnati Assignment	1925
1	10	Misc Newspaper Clippings	1911-1930
1	11	Notes re: Religion class Chartrand conducted	
1	12	Medical records (St. Vincent)	1930
1	13	Sermons given	1933
1	14	Misc. newspaper clippings re: Cpnsecrations of other priests by Chartrand	

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1	15	Death and Funeral Photos cards and notes	1933
1	16	Newspaper Clippings re: funeral	1933
1	17	Chartrand Will	
1	18	Transferral of remains	1976
1	17	Personal journal Vol. 1	1910-1919
1	18	Personal journal Vol. 2	1920-1926
1	19	Personal journal Vol. 3	1927-1933
2	1	Consecration responses	Undated
2	2	Consecration responses	July 1910
2	3	Consecration responses	August 1-22, 1910
2	4	Consecration responses	August 23-24, 1910
2	5	Consecration responses	August 25-28, 1910
2	6	Consecration responses	August 29-31, 1910
2	7	Consecration responses	September 1910
2	8	Condolence cards (Masses/Blessings)	1933
2	9	Condolence letters (Ritter)	1933
2	10	Condolence telegrams/wires (Ritter)	1933
2	11	Condolence correspondence (Chancery)	1933
3	N/A	Annual Report	1921
3	N/A	Annual Report	1924
3	1	Letter from Apostolic Delegation	1931-1933
3	2	Bishop's pastoral letter	1919
3	3	Fendrich Correspondence	
3	4	Graham Correspondence	
3	5	Br. McAvoy Correspondence	
3	6	Meeting minutes Diocesan consultors	1908
3	7	Misc Correspondence	

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3	8	Pastoral Correspondence	1910-1919
3	9	Pastoral Correspondence	1920-1929
3	10	Pastoral Correspondence	1930-1933
3	11	Misc: Pastoral Correspondence	1919-1933
3	12	Permissions and Faculties	
3	13	Personal Correspondence	
3	14	Eucharistic Apostolate	1934
3	15	Dispensations	1902-1909
3	16	Correspondence re: Reitz High School	
3	17	Misc. Financial Records	
4	N/A	Books	
4	N/A	Scissors	
4	N/A	Ledger	1922-1923
4	N/A	Ledger	1922-1925
4	N/A	Ledger (Debt of the Diocese)	1917-1920
4	N/A	Cancelled notes and Coupons re: St. Joseph (Shelbyville)	1928
4	1	Medal from the Italian Crown	1932
4	2	Motu Proprio by Pius X	1928
4	3	Purple prayer book compiled by Chartrand	
4	4	Personal Stationary	
4	N/A	Manuscript mock-up and other materials re: Divita Biography and Chapel celebrations	
5	N/A	Indianapolis Star	12/9/1933
5	N/A	Indianapolis Times	12/9/1933
5	N/A	Indianapolis News	12/13/1933
5	N/A	Indiana Catholic Record	12/22/1933
5	N/A	L'Osservatore Romano	1934
6	N/A	Honorary Degree from Notre Dame University	1927
6	N/A	2 Formal portraits	
6	N/A	Bull to Chartrand at his election as to titular	8/6/1910

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		Bishop and coadjucator of Bishop Chatard	
6	N/A	Letter to the people of Indianapolis announcing the election of Rev. Chartrand to titular Bishop and coadjucator of Bishop Chatard	8/6/1910
6	N/A	Brief to the cathedral chapter of Indianapolis concerning Rev. Chartrand election to titular Bishop and coadjucator of Bishop Chatard	8/6/1910
6	N/A	Oath of Loyalty taken by Rev. Chartrand at his consecration ceremony after his election to titular Bishop and coadjucator of Bishop Chatard	8/6/1910
6	N/A	Brief to the Bishop before the Bishop-elect makes his profession of Faith	8/6/1910
6	N/A	Form of Profession of faith concerning Rev. Chartrand's election to titular Bishop and coadjucator of Bishop Chatard	8/6/1910
6	N/A	Brief to the Archbishop of Cincinnati announcing the election of Rev. Chartrand to titular Bishop and coadjucator of Bishop Chatard	8/6/1910
6	N/A	Letter to the clergy of the Diocese of Indianapolis	
6	N/A	Decree of the consistorial congregation of the	

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		Cathedral Church of Indianapolis is vacant bishop	
6	N/A	Chartrand is appointed Archbishop of Cincinnati but does not accept. Bishop MacNicholas resigns Indianapolis post and takes Cincinnati. Chartrand is reinstated	7/3/1925
6	N/A	Brief appointing Chartrand as an assistant to the Pontifical Throne	2/4/19/28
TUBE 1		Large Size Printouts of the Indianapolis Star's Coverage of Chartrand Death/Funeral	12/9/1933

*Full list of archived materials is located on Excel file in the Chancery Archives (Archives Inventory) folder. Title: Chartrand Archives