



**Schools, Child and Youth Ministries Office**  
**Religious Education Congress Records, 1976-2003**  
**AS 132**

*The following is the finding aid for the Religious Education Congress 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. [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)*

**Volume**

3.35 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted

**Arrangement**

Chronological

**Historical Note**

The Child and Youth Ministries Office Religious Education Congress was in charge of a number of educational programs for the Catholic community. Most notably, the Congress began to host annual conferences regarding religious education in 1976, the program would later be referred to as the Religious Education Congress (REC). The first conference in 1976 was a great success with well over 1,000 attendees. The size of the conference continued to grow in popularity throughout the years. The conferences were held at Marquette University until the late 1980s at which time the conference location became the Cousins Center in St. Francis, WI. For a time, the conference was held at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel. By the early 2000s the conference had grown so large that the location was again changed to the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha, WI. Each year the conference would focus on a different theme to generate thought and insight within the community.

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

The bulk of this collection contains administrative documents pertaining to the Religious Education Congress. These records include agenda, budget, correspondence, planning, programming, and speaker information from the conference from 1976-2003. A unique aspect of the collection is the anonymous evaluations of each conference conducted by the attendees. The collection also contains records from many of the other endeavors that the Child and Youth Ministries Office Religious Education Congress has done. These groups include the Center for Religious Education summer programs, Center for Youth and Ministry Development, and MAREDA. The materials include training manuals from workshops held for mentors, agenda and meeting minutes, brochures, and job descriptions for counselors.

**General Note**

The programs from each year of the Congress can be found in AS 158, Office of Religious Education, Religious Education Congress Programs, 1976-2003.

**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.*

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