



*The following is the finding aid for the Our Lady Queen of Peace, Milwaukee 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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**Our Lady Queen of Peace Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)  
Records, 1948-1980  
MC 45**

**Volume**

0.2 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted

**Administrative Note**

On May 25, 1948, the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee created the parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace from a section of the existing parish of St. Vincent de Paul. The first pastor, Rev. Joseph Swierczynski, transferred from St. Vincent de Paul. The majority of the parishioners were Catholics who had moved to the area of the new suburban parish from the center city. Because many, but not all, of the members were Polish, the church has held confessions in the Polish language, but has never had a Polish Mass.

Rev. Swierczynski was succeeded in 1965 by Rev. Thaddeus Dolata, who served for about a year prior to his death. The pastor in 1981 was Rev. Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek, who previously served at Blessed Sacrament Church (1939-1941), St. Alexander's Church (1941-1943), and Ss. Cyril and Methodius (1963-1966), as well as teaching at St. Francis Seminary from 1947 to 1963. With the financial assistance of other Polish Catholic Churches in Milwaukee, Our Lady, Queen of Peace parish was able to construct a church building, and later, to add a school, convent, and rectory. In 1973 the parish celebrated its silver jubilee

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

The records of Our Lady, Queen of Peace are rather fragmentary, with the majority being printed financial statements, 1948-1980. These statements, in English, provide an accounting of the parish's financial condition and until 1963, list individual contributions and offerings, including those of school children. Beginning with the 1965 condensed financial statement, just the church's receipts and disbursements are listed, with the inclusion of a pastoral letter summarizing the events of the past year. Other records consist of handwritten minutes of parish council meetings, a copy of the 1948 archdiocesan decree creating the new parish, three separate lists of contributions by school children, and a 1979 Holy Name Society membership list, with addresses, list of past presidents, and a brief history of the society.

**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.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 1	F 1	Decree creating the parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, May 25, 1946
B 1	F 2	Minutes of Parish Council Meetings, October 1957-September 1965
B 1	F 3-4	Financial Statements, 1948-1980
B 1	F 5	Records of Student’s contributions, 1966, 1968, n.d.; Holy Name Society Membership List, 1979