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Joseph Springob, 1908-1995
Papers, 1890-1990 [bulk 1960-1985]
MC 58

Volume

3.0 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except financial budgets and St. Rose Orphan Asylum orphan/adoption records.

Biographical Note

Joseph Springob (September 18, 1908 – July 12, 1995) was born in Milwaukee, WI to Charles and Elizabeth Springob. He attended St. Francis Seminary in St. Francis, WI from 1922-1934. He was ordained a priest on May 26, 1934. On April 3, 1959 he was appointed Domestic Prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor by Pope John XXIII.

His first appointment in 1934 was as an assistant at St. Lawrence Parish in Milwaukee. In 1940 he was named the Assistant Director of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau (later named Catholic Social Services) where he worked under the direction of Msgr. M.F. McEvoy. After McEvoy's death in 1952, Msgr. Springob was appointed the Director of the Catholic Social Services and Superintendent of St. Rose Residence for Girls.

In addition to his work at Catholic Social Services, Msgr. Springob was also involved in several local and national campaigns for social services. Locally, he served on the Milwaukee County Social Development Commission and the Greater Milwaukee Conference on Religion and Race. He was also involved in national organizations including the National Conference of Catholic Charities, Child Welfare League of America and the National Interfaith Consultation Group. In 1965 he was recognized for his work and was named the "Social Worker of the Year" by the Wisconsin chapter of National Association of Social Workers; he was also awarded the B'nai B'rith Citation for achievements in the field of human relation in the same year. In 1980, he retired as the director of CSS but remained the Superintendent at St. Rose Residence and spiritual advisor for the Archdiocesan Council of the St. Vincent DePaul Society until 1983.

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

This collection is divided into two series: Personal Papers and Professional Papers.

The Personal Papers reflect Msgr. Springob's life outside of his work with the Catholic Social Services. His time spent at St. Francis Seminary are recorded through personal class notes, papers, class notes and papers from classmates and several photographs that show the leisure activities of the students. Also included in this series are notebooks that record "Homily Themes" from Msgr. Springob. Also included are First Holy Mass book, anniversary celebrations and short biographies.

The Professional Papers include papers that record the committees, conferences and organizations that Msgr. Springob was involved in. There are administrative records, meeting minutes from the board of directors, committees and conferences conducted by Catholic Social Services. These papers also include papers from different conferences and committees outside of CSS in which Msgr. Springob served. This series also includes photographs and news clippings.

The Professional Papers also include correspondence that Msgr. Springob inherited when he became the Director of CSS and Superintendent at St. Rose Residence. The correspondences are written to Rev. James J. Ryan and Msgr. Matthew Francis McEvoy, the previous superintendents of St. Rose. They have been divided by subject and are arranged chronologically. Correspondence relating to donations and general miscellany are open for research. Correspondence contain personal information about orphans and adoptions from 1888-1920 are restricted. Also, there are correspondences to Msgr. McEvoy from the National Catholic War Council regarding the opening of two Milwaukee Community Houses in 1920.

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
<i>Series 1: Personal Papers</i>		
B 1	F 1	25 th Anniversary, Testimonial speech, 1959
B 1	F 2	50 th Anniversary of Ordination, June 3, 1984
B 1	F 3	Biographies, unknown authors n.d.
B 1	F 4	First Holy Mass, May 27, 1934
B 1	F 5-8	Homily Themes, 1970-1973; 1987-1990
B 1	F 9	St. Francis Seminary, banquet programs, 1928-1929
B 2	F 1-4	St. Francis Seminary, class notes n.d
B 2	F 5-7	St. Francis Seminary, classmates, course notes, 1924
B 3	F 1	St. Francis Seminary, classmates, papers n.d
B 3	F 2	St. Francis Seminary, coursework & exams n.d.
B 3	F 3	St. Francis Seminary, photographs n.d.
B 3	F 4	St. Francis Seminary, The Scroll Newsletter n.d.
B 3	F 5	Retirement, 1980; 1983
<i>Series 2: Professional Papers</i>		
B 3	F 6	Catholic Social Services, annual meeting, 1986
B 3	F 7	Catholic Social Services, annual reports, 1955-1982
B 3	F 8	Catholic Social Services, articles by Msgr. M.F. McEvoy, n.d.
B 3	F 9	Catholic Social Services, board member manual, 1981
B 3	F 10-12	Catholic Social Services, board meeting minutes, 1980-1984; 1987-1988
B 4	F 1	Catholic Social Services, cedarcrest study committee, 1971
B 4	F 2	Catholic Social Services, correspondence, death of Msgr. McEvoy, 1952
B 4	F 3	Catholic Social Services, crooked lake workshop, 1967
B 4	F 4	Catholic Social Services, greater Milwaukee social services study, 1978
B 4	F 5	Catholic Social Services, history n.d.
B 4	F 6	Catholic Social Services, history, 50 th Anniversary, 1971
B 4	F 7-8	Catholic Social Services, newsletters, 1967-1972
B 4	F 9	Catholic Social Services, parish / public relations committee, 1983-1984

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B 4	F 10-12	Catholic Social Services, policies & procedures, 1957-1967
B 5	F 1	Catholic Social Services, program services committee minutes, 1984
B 5	F 2-3	Correspondence, to Msgr. McEvoy, Milw. Community houses, 1919-1920
B 5	F 4	DePaul Rehabilitation Hospital , 25 th Anniversary committee, 1983
B 5	F 5	Franciscan educational conference, annual meeting, 1938
B 5	F 6	Greater Milwaukee conference on race and religion, 1968
B 5	F 7	Milwaukee County social development commission, 1966-1972
B 5	F 8	Miscellaneous n.d.
B 5	F 9	National campaign for human development, 1970-1973
B 5	F 10	National Catholic social action conference, 1938
B 5	F 11-12	National interfaith consultation group, 1970-1976
B 5	F 13	News clippings, 1953-1980
B 6	F 1	Photographs, miscellaneous, 1950-1960s?
B 6	F 2	Photographs, miscellaneous, n.d.
B 6	F 3	Photographs, national conference of Catholic charities, 1959
B 6	F 4	Role of Religion based social service agencies conference, 1970
B 6	F 5-7	St. Aemilian Child Care, board meeting minutes, 1978-1981
B 7	F 1	St. Aemilian Child Care, board meeting minutes, 1982
B 7	F 2	St. Lawrence Parish, 40 th anniversary celebration, 1928
B 9	F 1	St. Lawrence Parish, dramatic club meeting minutes, 1929-1933
B 9	F 2	St. Rose, annual report / orphan roster, 1921, 1930-1931 (restricted)
B 7	F 3	St. Rose, articles of organization, 1923; 1950
B 7	F 4-5	St. Rose, audit reports, 1925-1927; 1943-1951 (restricted)
B 7	F 6	St. Rose, board of directors, correspondence, 1921-1923; 1953-1955
B 7	F 7	St. Rose, board of directors, meeting minutes, 1979-1980
B 9	F 3	St. Rose, budgets, 1920-1983 incomplete (restricted)
B 7	F 8-9	St. Rose, correspondence, donations, 1891-1913; 1953-1956
B 7	F 10	St. Rose, correspondence, miscellaneous, 1896-1955
B 7	F 11-12	St. Rose, correspondence, orphan records, 1888-1897 (restricted)
B 8	F 1-5	St. Rose, correspondence, orphan records, 1898-1921, 1955 (restricted)
B 9	F 4	St. Rose, legal, court cases, 1903-1934
B 9	F 5	St. Rose, legal, orphan guardianship cases, 1890-1914 (restricted)
B 8	F 6	St. Rose, license certificates, 1916-1923; 1954; 1979
B 8	F 7	St. Rose, policies and procedures, n.d
B 9	F 6	St. Rose, wills & bequests, 1891-1955
B 8	F 8	Task Force, residential environments for developmentally disabled, 1980