



*The following is the finding aid for the Holy Trinity-Our Lady of Guadalupe Congregation Frank Gross, Jr. Correspondence 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.](#)*

**Holy Trinity-Our Lady of Guadalupe Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)  
Frank Gross, Jr. Correspondence, 1925-1931; 1958-1966  
MC 158**

**Volume**

0.2 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted

**Biographical Note**

Frank Gross, Jr. was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society as well as the Knights of Columbus, and through these organizations advocated for Latino immigrants and helped found Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1926 as a Latino mission. Gross continued to be involved in the mission, spending significant resources raising money and obtaining goods for the community. Our Lady of Guadalupe was first in a storefront, later in a vacant Wisconsin Telephone Company building, and finally moved into a church building in 1965 when it merged with Holy Trinity Church. The later material in this collection covers the merger of the two communities, largely written by Bede Phelps, OFM Conv. and Albert M. Leis, OFM Conv.

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

This collection consists entirely of photocopies of original documents obtained from Our Lady of Guadalupe, Milwaukee.

The correspondence from 1925-1931 focuses primarily on Frank Gross, Jr.'s correspondence with donors and suppliers to the community as well as church officials invested in the mission, including Archbishop Sebastian Messmer. The correspondence from 1958-1966 focuses on the management of the merger of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Holy Trinity, and is especially concerned with the Conventual Franciscans' new responsibilities.

**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	Correspondence, 1925-1926
B 1	F 2	Correspondence, 1927-1929
B 1	F 3	Correspondence, 1930-1931
B 1	F 4	Correspondence, 1958-1966