

# **Guide to the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea Records CMS.032A**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Creator</b>	Apostleship of the Sea.
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<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>These records are an addenda to CMS 032 of materials related to the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea from 1952-1990. The US branch was the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea, the official organization governing the Catholic Maritime Clubs, was formed on January 8, 1947 in Brooklyn , NY, under the sponsorship of the War Relief Services-NCWC. The National Office develops training programs for newly appointed chaplains and expands the ongoing programs for experienced chaplains. The records include reports, correspondence from clubs and others, bulletins, issues of the Catholic Maritime News and other publications, by-laws and constitutions, conference and meeting materials, prayer materials, annual reports, meeting minutes, directories, and other materials related to the Pontifical Commission on Migration and Tourism, Superior Council of Apostolatus Maris, and International Congresses and Conferences of the Apostleship of the Sea. The collection also contains materials on Peter Anson and Arthur Gannon, who were pioneers in the development of the Catholic Movement for Seamen.</p>

### Preferred Citation note

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## Biographical/Historical note

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The National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea, the official organization governing the Catholic Maritime Clubs, was formed on January 8, 1947 in Brooklyn, NY, under the sponsorship of the War Relief Services-NCWC. Reverend Thomas A. McDonough CSSR was chosen as the first Executive Secretary of the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea. During McDonough tenure, New Orleans was the site of the National Office. Bishop L. Abel Caillouet became the first Episcopal Moderator of the Apostleship of the Sea in 1951.

In 1960, Caillouet relinquished the office of Episcopal Moderator and was replaced by Bishop Leo S. Smoth, auxiliary bishop of Buffalo, NY. In 1963, Smith died and succeeded by Most Reverend Robert E. Tracy, Bishop of Baton Rouge, LA.

On July 1, 1972, the National Office of the Apostleship of the Sea was transferred to Chicago, IL. With the retirement of McDonough, Reverend James P. Keating, Diocesan Port Chaplain of Chicago, was elected secretary in October 1972. and later as National Director under the newly formed Episcopal Commission. Tracy became Episcopal Promoter and Chairman of the Episcopal Commission. The Episcopal Commission composed of Bishops from Boston, New York, Miami, and San Francisco, is recognized by the Pontifical Commission of Migration and Tourism.

The function of the National Office of the Apostleship of the sea is to serve the National Conference of Bishops, in cooperation with the Episcopal Promoter and his Episcopal Commission, in order to provide information and guidance to port chaplains, lay workers, and volunteers in the Maritime Clubs. In that capacity, the National Office develops training programs for newly appointed chaplains and expands the ongoing programs for experienced chaplains. It coordinates the annual meeting of the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea and arranges and develops regional meetings. It publishes a monthly bulletin, "The Catholic Maritime News" and prepares the annual report of the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea. It correlates information and experience with port chaplains and laity, as well as other seamen's organizations.

In 1975, Tracy was succeeded by the Most Reverend Rene H. Gracide, Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, FL. Keating was replaced by Reverend James Dillenburg, Port Chaplain of Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1980.

As of 1979, there were approximately 80 port chaplains and 18 clubs in Mobile, AL; New York City; Seattle, WA; Lake Charles and New Orleans, LA; Oakland and San Francisco, CA; San Pedro and Wilmington, CA; Chicago; Cleveland, OH; Houston, TX; Norfolk, VA; Jacksonville and Tampa, FL; Milwaukee and Green Bay, WI; and Duluth, MN.

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## Scope and Contents note

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## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged in three series:

Series A: US National Apostleship of the Sea Conference

Subseries I: Draft of Constitution for the Apostleship of the Sea

Subseries II: Correspondence

Subseries III: Leges (Laws), Norms, and Faculties

Subseries IV: Apostleship of the Sea Directory of Chaplains, Ports, and Dioceses

Subseries V: Reports and Questionnaires on Maritime Clubs and Ports, as requested by the Episcopal Promoter and Annual Reports of the Apostle Ship of the Sea

Subseries VI: Apostleship of the Sea Conferences and Meetings

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Subseries X: *Catholic Maritime News*

Subseries XI: Financial Record

Series B: US Apostleship of the Sea Conference with the Pontifical Commission on Migration and Tourism and International Congresses and Conferences of the Apostleship of the Sea

Subseries I: Report on visit to the United States and Canada by Reverend Monsignor F.S. Frayne in 1966

Subseries II: Correspondence

Subseries III: Material on Superior Council of Apostolatus Maris and the Pontifical Commission for Migration and Tourism

Subseries IV: Bulletins, Circulars, *Apostolatus Maris*, *On the Move-Migrazioni e Turismo*, and other publications

Subseries V: International Congresses

Series C: Peter Anson and Arthur Gannon

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Center for Migration Studies April 1991

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### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Open to researchers by appointment.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Donated circa 1990.

### **Processing Information note**

In 2014, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS and folder descriptions were simplified from the original print finding aid. (The original finding aid is available in print upon request). Folder titles in the container list online may vary from the the physical folder titles.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

Catholic Maritime Clubs and the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea Records (CMS 032)  
United States Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, Offices of the Apostleship of the Sea Records (CMS 032B)

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference (U.S.).

### Geographic Name(s)

- Sailors |z United States.

### Occupation(s)

- Chaplains |x Catholic Church.
- Chaplains |x Training of.

### Subject(s)

- Sailors |x Religious life.

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## Other Finding Aids note

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The original inventory is available in print upon request.



**Series A: US National Apostleship of the Sea Conference**

## Collection Inventory

**Series A: US National Apostleship of the Sea Conference 1944-1990**

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**Scope and Contents note**

Included are two separate drafts of the Constitution and By-Laws prepared for study and consideration of the appointed Committee of the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America. The draft was prepared by the Rev. John F. McGlone, Port Chaplain of Baltimore, MD, and submitted for first scrutiny on Oct. 23, 1953 to the Most Rev. L. Abel Coillouet, Msgr. Edmund L. Britt, Rev. John T. McKenna, and Rev. Thomas A. McDonough, C.S.S.R. Also included is a report of the Committee on the Constitution of Apostleship of the Sea presented to the Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 7, 1954.

**Subseries II: Correspondence 1951-1989**

**Scope and Contents note**

This series, which is divided into eight subseries, contains the correspondence of the Episcopal Promoters: Most Rev. L. Abel Coillouet, Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, Most Rev. Robert E. Tracy, and Most Rev. Rene H. Gracida; the correspondence of the National Directors: Rev. Thomas McDonough, C.S.S.R., Rev. Robert Keating, Rev. James Dillenburg, and Rev. Ray Rau. Included is the correspondence of Gerald Strang.

**Subseries II: Correspondence**

The correspondence is arranged in a chronological sequence except, a portion of the correspondence of Bishop Gracida and Rev. Dillenburg, which is alphabetically arranged by the name of the city or state where the Catholic Maritime Clubs is located. The correspondence consists of letters received and copies of letters sent, seldom on a one-to-one basis. Where an exchange of letters was grouped by the correspondent around a specific topic, the grouping was retained.

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Included are miscellaneous records of the 16th (1961) to the 29th (1974) Annual Meeting of the National Catholic Apostleship of the Sea Conference. The records of the 1st Annual Convention of the National Catholic Conference for Seafarers, held on October 8, 1977, and the 1981 to 1984 proceedings of the Annual Convention of the National Catholic conference for Seafarers and International Council of Seamen's Agencies. Also included are the Proceedings of the North American Maritime Ministry Conference held in 1985.

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**Scope and Contents note**

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**Scope and Contents note**

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**Subseries II: Correspondence 1952-1987**

**Scope and Contents note**

Included is the correspondence of the Most Rev. L. Abel Coillouet, Most Rev. Leo R. Smith, Most Rev. Robert E. Tracy, Rev. Rene H. Gracida, and Rev. James P. Keating with the Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., Apostolatus Maris, the International Secretariat, and the Pontifical Commission for Migration and Tourism.

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