

**Guide to the United States Catholic  
Conference Migration and Refugee  
Services, New York Office Records  
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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Creator</b>	United States Catholic Conference.
<b>Title</b>	United States Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, New York Office Records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1993-1996
<b>Extent</b>	34.0 Linear feet in 34 record cartons.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	Materials are in English.

### Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; United States Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, New York Office Records (CMS 023C); Box; Folder.

## **Biographical/Historical note**

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The United States Catholic Conference (USCC) Department of Immigration is the successor organization of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The National Catholic Welfare Conference (NCWC) Department of Immigration was a bureau/department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, established in December 1920 directly under the Executive Department of the the NCWC. The NCWC was founded in 1919 by the bishops of the United States, as an outgrowth of the National Catholic War Council, which coordinated welfare activities of of the United States Catholic Church during World War I. Their aim was to unify, coordinate, and organize Catholic activities in the areas of education, social welfare, immigrant aid, citizenship, family life, and other activities.

In 1968, the NCWC was reorganized and replaced by the United States Catholic Conference and the National Council of Catholic Bishops. The USCC was the secular arm of the two organizations, headed by John I. McCarthy. The name of its Department of Immigration was changed to Migration and Refugee Services. The goals of the department were to aid immigrants and refugees of all nationalities, in particular foreign priests, to resettle in the United States and to advocate and put forward immigration legislation In 2001, the USCC and the NCCB were combined to form the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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## **Scope and Contents note**

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This collection contains flight manifests and 90 and 120-Day reports of new refugees to the United States from all over the world from 1993-1996.

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## **Arrangement note**

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This collection is arranged into two series:

Series I: Flight Manifests

Series II: 90 and 120-Day Reports

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies September 1999

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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

The United States Catholic Conference (USCC) Migration and Refugee Services Records, came to the Center of Migration Studies (CMS) as a result of the phasing out of the USCC Migration and Refugee Services New York office in 1998. On November 24, 1998, office manager Christine Fernandez shipped 27 boxes from the office's address, 902 Broadway to CMS.

### Processing Information note

The collection was originally processed in 1999. Folders are physically described. The finding aid was also updated for compliance with *Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)* in April 2013.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

Other collections related to the United States Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Services, New York Office Records (CMS 023C) include:

National Catholic Welfare Conference, Department of Immigration(CMS 023)

The United States Catholic Conference, Department of Immigration Records(CMS 023A)

The United States Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Services Records, New York Office Records (CMS 023B)

The Most Reverend Stephen J. Donahue Papers (CMS 023D)

The National Catholic Welfare Conference Department of Immigration, New York Office and Catholic Committee for Refugees Records (CMS 024)

War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference Records (CMS 026)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Subject(s)

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church.
- Refugees

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## Other Finding Aids note

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The original inventory is available in print upon request.

**Series I: Flight Manifests****Collection Inventory****Box**  
1-30**Series I: Flight Manifests 1993-1996****Scope and Contents note**

The bulk of the collection consists of manifests of flights bringing refugees to the United States from cities around the world. Each folder contains all manifests for the same day and same city. The manifests include names of refugees, the date, and the flight. The refugees listed may have originated elsewhere; for example, refugees entering the United States from Bangkok usually came from Vietnam. Not all refugees came to New York City, many refugees from Havana landed in Miami and the manifests were sent to New York for filing. Cities represented in this series include Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Accra, Ghana; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Amman, Jordan; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Ankara, Turkey; Athens, Greece; Badija, Croatia; Bangkok, Thailand; Belgrade, Serbia; Bonn, Germany; Bonn, Germany; Brussels, Belgium; Bucharest, Belgium; Bujumbura, Burundi; Cairo, Egypt; Copenhagen, Denmark; Cotonou, Benin; Dakar, Senegal; Damascus, Syria; Djibouti; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Entebbe, Uganda; Frankfurt, Germany; Freetown, Serra Leone; Gabarone, Botswana; Gasinci, Croatia; Geneva, Switzerland; Guantanamo, Cuba; Havana, Cuba; Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Hong Kong; Islamabad, Pakistan; Istanbul, Turkey; Karachi, Pakistan; Karlovac, Croatia; Khartoum, Sudan; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; La Valletta, Malta; Lagos, Nigeria; Lima, Peru; Ljubljana, Slovenia; Madrid, Spain; Manila, Philippines; Maputo, Mozambique; Mombasa, Kenya; Moscow, Russia; Nairobi, Kenya; New Dehli, India; Paris, France; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Port au Prince, Haiti; Ramstein, Germany; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Rome, Italy; Sanaa, Yemen; Sarajevo, Bosnia; Savudrija, Croatia; Singapore; Sofia, Bulgaria; Split, Croatia; Sydney, Australia; Tirana, Albania; Tokyo, Japan; Vienna, Austria; Vientiane, Laos; Zagreb, Croatia; Zurich Switzerland.

**Arrangement note**

This series is arranged by date, then alphabetically by city.

**Series II: 90 and 120-Day Reports**

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**Series II: 90 and 120-Day Reports 1993-1996****Box**  
30-34**Scope and Contents note**

This series contains 90 and 120-day reports documenting the use of federal benefits by refugees. Catholic refugees entering the United States in the years 1993-1996 were usually admitted under the auspices of a national not-for-profit refugee aid agency such as the United States Catholic Conference and then transferred to the care of local agencies. In the case of Catholic refugees, these would be diocesan Catholic charitable organizations. The 90 and 120-day reports were used to monitor the use of federal benefits by each refugee in a particular diocese. One form was due 90 days after the refugee landed and if the refugee continued to receive federal benefits, a second form was due 120 days after landing. It should be noted that the forms do not seem to have always been filled out promptly, if one is looking a a particular refugee who arrived in January 1995 and should have a formed filled out in March, it might be necessary to consult the Aprils reports as well.

**Arrangement note**

This series is arranged by type of form, then chronologically, and then alphabetical order by diocese.