

**Guide to the Church of the Holy
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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	Holy Rosary (Church : Washington, D.C.).
Title	Holy Rosary Church, Washington D.C. Records
Date [inclusive]	1914-1992
Extent	10.75 Linear feet in 18 manuscript boxes and 2 record cartons.
Language	English

Language of Materials note The materials are in English and Italian.

Abstract This collection contains the records of the Holy Rosary Church in Washington DC, founded in 1913 by Nicola De Carlo. This collection mostly contains materials related to church societies and organizations founded and associated with the church, from 1914-1970s. The records also include photographs, clippings, publications (including their serial *Voce Italiana*), and other ephemera.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Holy Rosary Church, founded in 1913 by Father Nicola(s) De Carlo, is located in Washington D.C. at 3rd Street and F Street. The church was originally located at two different locations, 83 H Street Northwest and 902 3rd Street, Northwest. ON September 7, 1919, the cornerstone of the present church was laid, and by Christmas Eve that year, the lower portion of the church was advanced far enough so that a Solemn Mass could be celebrated. The entire church, however, was not completed and officially opened until April 29, 1923.

Father De Carlo was very active in his concern for the welfare of Italian immigrants who at the time were fairly numerous in the metropolitan area. He envisioned his church as serving not only the needs of the immediate parish but of the community in general. From the earliest days, he organized such groups as the Daughters of Mary, the Holy Name Society, a Sunday School, a boys' marching band, and a Union of Italian Catholic Women, among others. In 1948, he purchased a 120 acre farm in nearby Mitchellville, Maryland on which the Villa Rosa Nursing Home was built. When he retired as pastor in August 1960, the parish was turned over to the Scalabrini Order.

The First Scalabrini pastor was Father Giulivo Tessarolo, who left in 1963 after being elected Superior General of the Order. That same year, the third pastor of the church, Father Joseph Spigolon assumed his duties. Among other Scalabrini assistants associated with the parish through the 1970s include Fathers Domenic Rodighiero, Mario Tessarotto, and Dino Cinel.

Scope and Contents note

Holy Rosary Church, Washington D.C. Records contain materials related to organizations and societies which developed during the church's early years, 1915-1975. The bulk of the materials is related to Azione Cattolica, a young adult group, and the Union of Catholic Women, a group which sought to help its members spiritually and through health and death benefits. The records also contain numerous photographs depicting social and cultural events, especially during the 1960s, and an incomplete run of the church's publication, *Voce Italiana*, up until 1992. *Voce* was not only a parish organ, but appealed as well to Italian speaking individuals in Washington D.C.. There are also some booklets of interest, published in the 1920s and 1930s.

Unfortunately, the materials in this collection do not contain registers of religious functions, such as baptisms, confirmations, or marriages. The majority of the material is made up correspondence, photographs, event listings, newsletters, publications, clippings, and other documents related to the church. Most of the material relates to the welfare and social activities of its congregants at events and societal functions.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged into six series:

Series I: Church Societies and Organizations

Series II: Documents

Series III: Photographs

Series IV: Publications

Series V: Newspaper Clippings

Series VI: 2011 Addendum

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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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 in two donations from the Holy Rosary Church, Washington D.C..

Processing Information note

In 2013, 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.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

One collection is related:

Nicolas De Carlo Papers (CMS 010), who was the reverend for the Holy Rosary Church.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Genre(s)

- Black-and-white photography.
- Church newsletters |z United States

Personal Name(s)

- De Carlo, Nicola M., (1879-1961)

Subject(s)

- Church records and registers |z Washington (D.C.)
- Church societies.
- Italian Americans |x Religion.

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Series I: Church Societies and Organizations

Collection Inventory

Series I: Church Societies and Organizations 1917-1975

Scope and Contents note

This series contains the bulk of the material in the collection and these materials refer to organizations, most of which were sponsored by the church or affiliated with the church. The majority of the records relate to Azione Cattolica, a young adult and college group of the parish which sponsored social, charitable, and religious events. Other organizations include the church's band organization and dramatic club, the Confraternita di Saint Gabriele dell'Addolorata, Holy Name Society, Italo-American Youth Center, Italian Cadets, Library Services Committee, Lodo Civic Club, Sanctuary Society, Sociata' Cattolica Italiana di Mutuo Soccorso, Sodality of Our Blessed Mother, Union of Catholic Women, Association of Italian-American Organizations of the Greater Metropolitan Area, and the Italian Society of Washington. The types of materials found in this series include meeting minutes, event notices, by-laws and regulations, bills and receipts, scrapbooks, clippings, correspondence, programs, photographs, flyers, and other ephemera.

Box

Azione Cattolica: Constitution 1964

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Azione Cattolica: Membership Lists 1968-1970

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Azione Cattolica: Publications 1962-1971

1

Azione Cattolica: General Correspondence and Memoranda 1961-1972

1

Azione Cattolica: Bank Statements and Paid Bills 1973-1975

1

Series I: Church Societies and Organizations

Azione Cattolica: Tenth Anniversary 1972	1
Azione Cattolica: Scrapbook 1972	1
Azione Cattolica: Dances 1963-1972	2
Azione Cattolica: Dances, Mardi Gras 1975	2
Azione Cattolica: Miss Primavera Contest 1975	2
Azione Cattolica: Tarantella Dancers 1970-1975	2
Azione Cattolica: Festival dei Bambini 1973	2
Azione Cattolica: Festival della Befana 1974-1975	2
Azione Cattolica: Bowling 1969-1975	2
Azione Cattolica: Bus Trip, Florida 1974	2
Azione Cattolica: Plays and Movies 1961-1966	2
Azione Cattolica: Forms, promotional leaflet, newspaper clippings, prayers, tenth anniversary journal, and other materials	2
[Holy Rosary] Band Organization 1919-1924	3

Series I: Church Societies and Organizations

Confraternita di San Gabriele dell' Addolorata 1930-1932, 1968	3
[Holy Rosary] Dramatic Club 1922	3
Holy Name Society 1949-1971	3
Italo-American Youth Center circa 1970	3
Italian Cadets 1965-1971	3
Library Services Committee 1971	3
Lido Civic Club 1970-1972	3
Sanctuary Society 1942-1945	3
Societa Cattolica Italiana di Mutuo Soccorso 1917-1950	3
Sodality of Our Blessed Mother 1970-1973	3
Union of Catholic Women: Constitution and By-Laws, Minute Book, and Ledger 1918-1970	4
Association of Italian-American Organizations of the Greater Metropolitan Area 1971	4
Italian Society of Washington 1970-1973	4

Series II: Documents**Series II: Documents 1914-1975****Scope and Contents note**

This series contains other documents related to the church, including memoranda, correspondence, and other publications. The series is various in nature; it includes a complete listing of parishioners or friends who donated to the church in 1915, materials related to festivals and events sponsored by the church, the property purchased by the church, plans for missionary work, the Villa Rosa Rest Home, materials related to Italian immigrants, church history, mass intentions, communications from the Archdiocese, sketches of the church, and other ephemera. The collection also includes materials on notable figures, including Richard Nixon, Italian President Giovanni Leone, and Minister Aldo Moro.

Box

Resoconto del Denaro Raccolto: Listing of Donors to Church August 20, 1915

5

Italian Festivals: Including materials on first annual picnic, benefits, and balls 1914-1970s

5

Property Purchase 1973

5

Dinner Dance for Italian Youth Center 1962

5

Immigration 1962-1970

5

Ratio Apostolatus (Missionary Work) 1963-1967

5

Villa Rosa Rest Home 1964-1967

5

Church History circa 1970-1971

5

Series III: Photographs

President Nixon Visit to Villa Rosa Rest Home September 17, 1972	5
Mass Intentions 1971-1975	5
Italian President Leone and Minister Moro 1974	5
Archdiocesan Communications 1962-1975	5
Church Sketch Late 1940s	5
Outside Publications ("News" of the Massachusetts Lodge of the Sons of Italy and "Italian Heritage Newsletter"), Press Releases, Christmas Greetings, and other materials 1945-1975	5

Series III: Photographs 1918-1975

Scope and Contents note

This series contains black-and-white photographs from the 1960s and 1970s, mostly unidentified, collected or taken by people affiliated with the church. The collection contains photographs of the church's interior and exterior, church processions, and events. It also includes photographs of notable figures including Congressmen Mario Biaggi, Ambassador John Volpe, Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle, Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortona, Bishop Joseph Maria Pernicone, Pope Paul VI, Senator Di Martino.

Box

Church Exterior and Interior circa 1950s-1960s	6
Church Processions 1919, 1966, 1970	6

Series IV: Publications

Dignitaries: Including Congressmen Mario Biaggi, Ambassador John Volpe, Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle, Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortona, Bishop Joseph Maria Pernicone, Pope Paul VI, Senator Di Martino 1918-1925, 1960s-1970s	6
Organizational Events 1960s-1970s	6
Outdoor Festivals 1960s	6
Scrapbooks (Disassembled) undated	6

Series IV: Publications 1961-1974

Scope and Contents note

This series contains publications produced by the Holy Rosary Parish. These publications mostly relate to the history of the church, usually published in conjunction with the celebration of an event and/or part of a journal. It also produced a monthly newsletter, as well as issuing a weekly bulletin listing parish announcements. The bulletins incomplete and newsletter is incomplete and contacts many gaps within the records.

Box

<i>The Parish of the Holy Rosary: 25 Years of Mission Work, 1913-1938 After 1938</i>	7
<i>Holy Rosary Church 45th Anniversary Celebration 1959</i>	7
<i>Holy Rosary 50th Golden Jubilee, 1913-1963 After 1963</i>	7
<i>10th Anniversary Celebration Scalabrini Fathers in Metropolitan Area 1970</i>	7

Series V: Newspaper Clippings

<i>Voce Italiana</i> October 1961-December 1974	7
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Church Bulletins 1967, 1969, 1972	7
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Series V: Newspaper Clippings 1950s-1970s	Box 8
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Scope and Contents note

This series contains newspaper clippings, fragmentary in nature, that mostly refer to several events related to the church. The clippings refer to Father De Carlo; Casa Italiana (a cultural center built next to the church); ground breaking ceremonies for the Villa Rosa Home; a history of Holy Rosary Church; Father Spigolon receiving the medal of "Cavaliere dell'Ordine Al-Merito della Repubblica Italiana, from the Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortona; and other events at the church or related to the church.

Series VI: 2011 Addendum 1974-1992	Box 9-20
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Scope and Contents note

Mostly copies of their publication, *Voce*, from 1974-1992.