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Summary Information

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Creator - Collector Paolucci, Vincent, c.s., 1922-1963

Title Vincent Paolucci,c.s., Papers

Date [bulk] Bulk, 1933-1948

Date [inclusive] 1933-1971

Extent 0.25 Cubic feet

Language English

Language of Materials note Material is in Italian and English.

Abstract CMS 068 documents the career of Vincent Paolucci, c.s., priest and seminary professor, mainly through his personal notebooks and a copy of his doctoral thesis.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Vincent Paolucci, c.s. Papers (CMS 068); Box; Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

Father Vincent Paolucci was born in Colle Sannita in the Province of Benevento, Italy on November 13, 1922. His studies at the Gregorian University in Rome earned him a license in theology and a doctorate in philosophy. After his ordination in 1946, he was sent to the United States to teach American seminarians, and he served at both Sacred Heart Seminary in Melrose Park, Illinois, and for a lengthier period at the Saint Charlies Seminary in Staten Island, New York. Hie died at the age of 41 on October 9, 1932. A historian of the Order noted that Father Paolucci "had marvelous talens and great interior spiritual poise [and] was able to use all his gifts for his priestly religious and missionary apostolate, to which he was deeply attached."

Scope and Contents note

CMS 068 documents two events in the life of Vincent Paolucci, c.s.: when he was a young seminarian in the 1930s, and when he received his doctorate in philosophy in 1948.

The seminary period is documented principally through two bound notebooks into which Father Paolucci made handwritten entries between about 1938 and 1941. The smaller of the two notebooks, a black leatherette one containing sheets of graph paper, was used to noting the rules and regulations of seminary life. The larger one, which is a hardbound book but with blank ruled pages, contains entries on various topics. While the book has no tabs, Paolucci left space between entries, as if he planned sections of the book. The differences in handwriting and in ink suggest he worked on the different sections at different times, as if this were the book he brought to retreats for several years during his seminary days.

Paolucci folded into his notebooks prayer cards issued when his colleagues in the seminary were ordained and said their first Masses, clippings, and other ephemera. These have been relocated to a separate folder. In addition, at the time of Paolucci's death there was found a collection of similar material, but not folded into a notebook; these notes are now in their own separate folder.

Father Paolucci's studies for his doctorate are documented chiefly by the typescript of his thesis. There are some paper related to it in the folder of miscellaneous notes, including a sketch for a cover of a publication based on the thesis that never came to fruition, possibly because of Father Paolucci's early death.

Arrangement note

CMS 068 is arranged into four folders, as follows:

- 1) Documents removed from notebook
- 2) Miscellaneous documents and notes
- 3) Notebooks
- 4) Thesis

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

Father Vincent Paolucci died at Saint Charles Seminary, 209 Flagg Place, Staten Island, New York, October 9, 1963. His papers were still on the premises when the Center for Migration Studies opened there in 1964. Archivist Nicholas Falco gathered the papers into this collection and prepared a finding aid in April of 1987.

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.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Geographic Name(s)

- Staten Island (New York, N.Y.)

Subject(s)

- Priests |z United States.

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Documents removed from notebooks 1933-1941 (Bulk, 1933-1941)	1	1
Miscellaneous documents and notes 1936-1971 (Bulk, 1936-1971)	1	2
Notebooks 1938-1941 (Bulk, 1938-1941)	1	3
Thesis 1948 (Bulk, 1948)	1	4