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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	Pizzoglio, William, c.s., Rev., 1904-1973
Title	William Pizzoglio Papers
Date [inclusive]	1904-1973
Extent	2.25 Linear feet 5 document boxes
Location note	Since 2012 CMS.071 has been housed at the Provincial House of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	CMS.071 is in English with some Italian.
Abstract	CMS.071 documents, via correspondence, musical compositions, notebooks, and photographs, the professional life of the Rev. William Pizzoglio, c.s., from the 1940s, when he was pastor of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel in Utica, New York, until his death in 1973.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Collection Name (071); Box; Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

William Pizzoglio was born June 27, 1904, in Sao Joao da Boa Vista, Brazil, to parents who had migrated from the Italian province of Biella. His father died when Pizzoglio was a young boy, and his mother placed him in a Sao Paulo orphanage run by Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles and the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, both of which were religious orders founded to minister to migrants. An early vocation, the ten-year-old Pizzoglio was brought to Italy to enroll in the Scalabrinians' new Scuola Apostolica in Crespano del Grappa. In 1917 he transferred to the Scalabrinians' Motherhouse in Piacenza (Emilia-Romagna) for further study. He was ordained in 1927 and immediately began teaching theology at his old school at Piacenza and taking up a new study, music. In 1929 Pizzoglio was sent to the United States and worked successively as an assistant at Sacred Heart, Boston, Massachusetts, Scalabrinian parishes in Providence, Rhode Island, and Saint Anthony of Padua parish in Everett, Massachusetts. In 1932 he became pastor of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel in Utica, New York, where he helped to organize the parish's day care center. He also served as pastor of Saint Joseph's, Catherine Street, New York, New York, and as pastor of Saint Anthony's in Everett. During his years as pastor he also composed liturgical music; scores for which are among his papers. In 1968 he moved to more administrative work, serving as treasurer on Saint Charles Seminary on Staten Island. In 1972 ill health sent him to Villa Rosa Nursing Home, a Scalabrinian-run facility in Mitchellville, Maryland. He happened to be visiting Saint Charles on Staten Island when he died, on June 19, 1973.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.071 represents the personal papers of Father William Pizzoglio, c.s., a Brazilian-born son of Italian immigrants who came to the United States to minister to migrants there and served in a series of Catholic parishes in New York State and New England, and also as an administrator in his religious order. The papers reflect his personal life inasmuch as they include correspondence with his mother in Brazil, who lived until 1957, and his personal interests, as they include copies of his musical compositions. The papers also document Father Pizzoglio's work in various parishes, and thus provide a window on pastoral care in different settings. Besides the aforementioned correspondence and musical scores, the collection includes photographs documenting Pizzoglio's work in various settings, and miscellaneous documents. Some of these miscellaneous documents provide insight into Pizzoglio's own spirituality, as they include a thesis he wrote for his 1929 theology degree, and a spiritual diary he kept during his seminary days.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.071 documents the life of the Rev. William Pizzoglio, c.s., from his days as a seminary student in Italy writing home to his widowed mother in Brazil to his death while visiting one of his former assignments, on Staten Island, in 1973. The collection concentrates on the 1940s and 1950s, when Father Pizzoglio served successively as pastor of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel in Utica, New York, where he led in the construction of a day nursery, and Saint Joseph's, Catherine Street, New York City. Documents include correspondence, musical compositions, notebooks, personal papers, and photographs.

Arrangement note

CMS.071 is arranged into four Series: Letters Received, Photographs, Music Books and Scores, and Miscellaneous Documents.

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

CMS.071 was deposited by the Provincial of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians.

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

CMS.035, Church of Saint Joseph, Catherine Street, New York, New York, Records CMS.052, Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, Everett, Massachusetts, Records CMS.061, Church of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel, Utica, New York, Records CMS.063, Saint Charles Seminary Records CMS.078, Provincial Records, Province of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Church music |x Catholic Church |y 20th century.
 - Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church.
 - Italian Americans |x Religion.
 - Italian Americans |z New York (State) |z New York.
 - Italian-Americans--New York (State)--Utica
 - Priests |z United States.
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Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Letters Received 1940-1970

Scope and Contents note

This series covers the decades of the 1910s through the 1970s, approximately 250 items are letters and post cards addressed to Fr. Pizzoglio. The letters are arranged in chronological order by decade.

1910s 1910

Scope and Contents note

There are six letters in this file all written in Italian and all dated 1918, and all written to Fr. Pizzoglio, while a young seminarian in Piacenza.

1920s 1920

Scope and Contents note

There are fifteen letters all written in Italian by his mother and other relatives. Besides the letters, the file contain a 1927 military discharge and four telegrams from the Scalabrini Headquarters in Italy.

1930s 1930

Scope and Contents note

These letter contain information about events discussed at the Church of Saint Mary of Mount Carmel in Utica, New York.

Series II: Photographs

1940s 1940

Scope and Contents note

This file contains approximately twenty-five letters and other documents in this file are several which deal with publication of Fr. Pizzoglio's musical compositions, *Messa Festiva*. Other letters deal with a campaign to write letters to Italy urging Italians to beware of the possibility of a communist takeover.

1950s 1950

Scope and Contents note

This file contains letters to Fr. Pizzoglio's mother regarding a copy of her will and one which announces the death of his mother.

1960s 1960

Scope and Contents note

Many of the letters in this file contain memoranda concerning religious meetings and appointments, and generally deal with religious topics.

1970s 1970

Scope and Contents note

There are approximately 120-140 letters and greeting cards in this file. The vast majority of these items deal with Fr. Pizzoglio's sickness and are messages of good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Series II: Photographs 1930-1940

Series II: Photographs

Scope and Contents note

There are approximately 700 photographs in this series containing family, friends, and smaller group activities at church to which Fr. Pizzoglio was assigned during his ministry.

Father Pizzoglio Alone 1930-1970

Scope and Contents note

This contain approximately 55 photographs in this grouping depict Fr. Pizzoglio at the organ, in a garden, in a pulpit. Dated 1930-1970.

Father Pizzoglio with Fellow Priests and Religions 1910, 1920, 1940-1950

Scope and Contents note

This file contains approximately 75 photographs in this grouping depicting Fr. Pizzoglio with other religious groups.

Family and Friends 1930-1940

Scope and Contents note

This file contains approximately 325 photographs. Many of the photos were probably taken in Brazil or Italy.

Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Utica, New York 1940

Scope and Contents note

This file approximately contain about a dozen photographs that depict the Day Nursey, which Fr. Pizzoglio established while serving at this church in the 1940s.

Series II: Photographs

Saint Joseph's Church, New York City, New York 1950

Scope and Contents note

There are approximately twenty photographs here that depict events at the church in the 1950s while Fr. Pizzoglio was stationed there.

Religious Celebrations 1940

Scope and Contents note

This contains approximately 40 photographs this grouping depicting various religious functions or the interior of the church.

Members of Church Organizations 1940

Scope and Contents note

There are approximately 60 photographs in this grouping that appears to depicting members of some organization at the church, which Fr. Pizzoglio served and were probably taken for the most part in the 1940s.

Miscellaneous 1948-1958

Scope and Contents note

There are approximately 140 photographs in this file, most of the photos were taken when Fr. Pizzoglio was probably on a vacation trip with a group.

Post cards 1930-1940

Scope and Contents note

Series III: Music Books and Scores

There are approximately 25 photograph post cards in this grouping in various areas in Brazil.

Series III: Music Books and Scores 1898, 1920s, 1945**Scope and Contents note**

This small series contain printed copies of two musical works composed by Fr. Pizzoglio, "Jubilee Mass Our Lady of Mt. Carmel" and "Four Offertories". The rest of the series contain several books and scores used by him while studying music or otherwise collected by him. One volume is a collection of religious compositions arranged by Ralph Casimiri, a musician under whom he studied.

Pizzoglio, William, c.s., Rev., 1904-1973 Series IV: Miscellaneous Documents 1924-1972**Controlled Access Headings****Geographic Name(s)**

- Utica (N.Y.)

Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |x Music
- Italian Americans |z New York (State) |z New York.
- Italian-Americans--New York (State)--Utica
- Priests |z United States.

Spiritual Diary 1924-1928

Scope and Contents note

Series IV: Miscellaneous Documents

A spiritual diary kept by Fr. Pizzoglio, dated 1924-1928.

Thesis 1929

Scope and Contents note

In 1929, Fr. Pizzoglio earned a laureate in theology from the Seminary of Piacenza, for his thesis, titled "La Dottrina Della Chiesa Orientale Ortodossa Intorno Alla Beata Vergine Maria".

Publications 1952-1965

Scope and Contents note

Included is a 51 page typescript, Notes on Pastoral Theology...by Fr. Edwin Healy (1952-1953); as well as three publications from the Scalabrini Headquarters in Rome dated 1957, 1964, and 1965; and a 40th anniversary history/journal issued by the Church of Saint Anthony in Everett, Massachusetts in 1967 when Fr. Pizzoglio was pastor.

Notebook 1940-1960

Scope and Contents note

This volume contains about twenty typed sheets of prayers or religious thoughts written in Italian centered around the life of Mary and various saints.

Legal Documents 1947-1962

Scope and Contents note

This volume contains six documents in Portuguese regarding the sale of property and the last will of Fr. Pizzoglio's mother and perhaps other family members.

Series IV: Miscellaneous Documents

Medical Bills 1969-1972

Scope and Contents note

This volume contains various bills, insurance, and medicare claims forms and several letters dated 1969, 1971, and 1972, a period in which Fr. Pizzoglio was ill and hospitalized.

Income Tax Returns 1962-1972

Scope and Contents note

Copies of federal tax returns of Fr. Pizzoglio from 1962-1972.

Passport 1929-1930

Scope and Contents note

This volume contains a passport used in the 1930s as well as 1929 document probably a ship's boarding pass indicating compliance with health regulations.

Diplomas 1927-1929

Scope and Contents note

Three diplomas awarded to Fr. Pizzoglio for his studies in theology, dating 1927-1929.

Newspaper Clippings and Miscellaneous Items 1950-1964

Scope and Contents note

Series IV: Miscellaneous Documents

Among several miscellaneous items are a 1946 and 1964 memorial card issued on the deaths of Fr. Natale Oddenino and Fr. Carlo Celotto; some programs for dinners tendered to Father; a letter of jurisdiction (in Latin) from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul in Brazil dated July 23, 1962.