

Father Pio Parolin, c.s. Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator - Collector	Parolin, Pio, c.s., 1879-1970
Title	Father Pio Parolin, c.s. Papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1920-1955
Date [inclusive]	1905-1961
Extent	0.25 Linear feet 1 half-size document box.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	CMS 073 contains materials in English, Italian and Latin. Father Parolin's memoir is written in the dialect of his native Vicenza.
Abstract	CMS 073 contains materials found in his room at the time of the death of Father Pio Parolin, c.s., and therefore may be considered to document his life the way he saw it. It includes material he himself generated, including a memoir of his life, and documents that he collected. Some of the documents were generated in the course of Father Parolin's work as a priest and a member of a congregation of male religious assigned to various dioceses during a long career. Others were more personal mementos of his family and friends.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Pio Parolin Papers (Collection #073); Box; Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

Pio Parolin was born April 25, 1879, in Casonoi, Vicenza, Italy. An aspirant to the priesthood, he joined the Pious Society of Saint Charles (later Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians), a congregation of male religious founded to minister to migrants in transit and in their new homes. The order's founder, Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini, ordained Parolin November 4, 1901, calling him from his studies in Piacenza, Italy, to New York City for the purpose. Parolin commenced his priestly career at Our Lady of Pompei in Greenwich Village, New York City. For the next fifty-two years, he served in New York City, in upstate New York, and in New England. In 1953, he became a priest in residence where his ministry had started, at Our Lady of Pompei. Sometime after 1967 he was transferred to Villa Rosa, a nursing home the Scalabrinians owned in Mitchelville, Maryland. He died there February 4, 1970.

Scope and Contents note

CMS 073 documents the life of Father Pio Parolin, a priest who between his ordination in 1901 and his retirement in 1953 served in parishes across New York and New England. The documentation includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, documents from the U.S. government and from the Catholic Church, and Father Parolin's own memoir. The content covers Italian-American life, particularly religious life, in small communities in New York City, upstate New York, and the Boston area, in the first half of the twentieth century. It also provides a case study of one man's migration experience.

Arrangement note

CMS 073 is arranged into six series as follows: Series I: Letters Received
Series II: Certificates and Documents Relating to Faculties
Series III: Miscellaneous Documents
Series IV: Photographs
Series V: Newspaper Clippings
Series VI: Autobiography

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies May 1987

Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

Copyright is owned by the Center for Migration Studies. Permission to publish materials must be requested before use.

Custodial History note

The contents of CMS 073 were found in Father Pio Parolin's room, either when he left Our Lady of Pompei parish for Villa Rosa Nursing Home, or at the time of his death at Villa Rosa. They were transferred to the Archives of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians. In the mid 1970s, they were transferred to the Center for Migration Studies.

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.

Existence and Location of Copies note

Selected photocopies from the collection, photocopied with the intention of illustrating and serving as examples of certificates and documents relating to the granting of religious faculties, are located with the original inventory.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS 073 relates to several other CMS collections, notably CMS 037 (Papers of Our Lady of Pompei, Greenwich Village); CMS 043 (Saint Lazarus, East Boston, Massachusetts); CMS 046 (Saint Peter, Syracuse, New York); CMS 049 (Saint Anthony of Padua, Buffalo, New York); CMS 054 (Saint Anthony of Padua, Fredonia, New York); and CMS 078 (Records of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians).

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Our Lady of Pompei (Parish : New York, N.Y.).

Subject(s)

- Priests |z United States.
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Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Bibliography

Parolin, Pio. *Father Pio Parolin: The Son of Adrian Pedo*, translated by Thomas Carlesimo, annotated by Mary Elizabeth Brown. New York: Center for Migration Studies, 2002.

Collection Inventory

Letters Received 1912-1967 (Bulk, 1920-1955)	Box 1	Folder 1
<p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Series I comprises correspondence written in Italian and in English, and received on special occasions, such as the anniversary of an ordination, or during illnesses. Included among these letters is a memorial bearing the names of several priests and other individuals congratulating Parolin on his silver jubilee of ordination (1926); a letter from the Bishop of Buffalo extending wishes for improved health (1952); and letters from the Provincial Superior and General Superior (1967).</p>		
Certificates and Documents Relating to Religious Faculties 1905-1961 (Bulk, 1920-1955)	Box 1	Folder 2
<p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Series II comprises documents issues by the various prelates of the sees where Father Parolin was stationed granting him "faculties," or permission to act as a priest in that prelate's jurisdiction.</p>		
Miscellaneous Documents 1925-1966 (Bulk, 1925-1961)	Box 1	Folder 3
<p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Series III contains documents not issues by the Catholic hierarchy, including Father Parolin's 1925 naturalization certificate, his Social Security card, his last passport, and a copy of the invitation used for the observance of the sixty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in 1966.</p>		

Photographs

Photographs 1910-1960 (Bulk, 1910-1960)	Box 1	Folder 4
Scope and Contents note <p>Series IV comprises four photographs: a portrait of Father Parolin in his old age, and three unidentified group images.</p>		
Newspaper Clippings 1915-1965 (Bulk, 1915-1965)	Box 1	
Scope and Contents note <p>Series V comprises a half-dozen newspaper clippings, most of which document Father Parolin's activities at various parishes.</p>		
Autobiography 1955 (Bulk, 1955)	Box 1	
Scope and Contents note <p>Father Parolin wrote his autobiography in about 1955, when he was in residence at Our Lady of Pompei in Greenwich Village. Using the Italian dialect he had grown up with, he covered his family origins, childhood, education, ordination, and his years serving in parishes in New York City and in upstate New York, with occasional assignments in New England.</p>		