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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	Center for Migration Studies (U.S.).
Title	Center for Migration Studies Records
Date [inclusive]	1964-1987
Extent	118.0 Linear feet in 235 manuscript boxes and one oversize box.
Language	English

Language of Materials note Mostly in English and Italian.

Abstract The Center for Migration Studies was established by the Congregation of Saint Charles (The Scalabrini Fathers) in 1964 as part of the Order's apostolate to care for immigrants in the broad sense of the term. The Center was to carry this injunction forward by an intellectual approach primarily. This is to say, that it was to publicize and help examine the plight of migrants through such means as publishing (both periodicals, monographs and books) and maintaining a research library and Archives. As the Center developed and expanded, it would undertake and explore still other paths. Thus, for example, in 1978 it sponsored its first Annual Legal Conference, which sought to explore the migrant topic under the general subject, In Defense of the Alien. Records in this Collection pertain in varying degrees to virtually all aspects of the Center's activities and date from the Institution's inception to the cut off date 1987, and are divided into sixteen Sub-groups.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Center for Migration Studies Records (CMS 084); Box;
Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

The Center for Migration Studies (CMS) was established by the Congregation of Saint Charles (The Scalabrini Fathers) in 1964 as part of the Order's apostolate to care for immigrants. The Scalabrinian Congregation was founded in 1887 by Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini, in order to accompany millions of Italians who were migrating to the United States. From the end of the 19th century until post-World War II, the Scalabrinians worked to establish parishes, schools, hospitals, migrant service centers, cultural centers, orphanages, nursing homes, cooperatives, migrant associations and service committees. During the 1960s, the Scalabrinian Congregation extended its mission to all migrants and expanded its outreach worldwide. As a result, the programs and services that help migrants have multiplied, especially for the neediest and most vulnerable migrants, refugees, internally displaced people and seafarers. The Center for Migration Studies was one of these projects.

Scope and Contents note

Records of the Center For Migration Studies are a rich vein for students of several disciplines. First and foremost, researchers interested in the everyday activities of an organization rich and prominent and hard working in its concern for the immigrant throughout the world will find the whole collection of interest and importance. Those whose primary concern may be examining the activities of a small and specialized publishing house will be pleased when studying the record groups pertaining to this specific activity. Because of the unique and specialized resources found in its small but dedicated staff and consultants, the Center was also able to undertake a number of specialized projects where its expertise in the fields of sociology and demography could be put to good use, and some records pertain to this aspect. The Center built a library and archives as an integral part of its structure, and though records may be minimal in regard to this activity, those that do exist will shed some light on the subject for those researchers interested in this aspect. Naturally, because the Center was under the jurisdiction of the Scalabrini Community, some files of correspondence will reveal this relationship, and the concern that all the Community had for the advancement and care of immigrants. The Center sponsored unique legal conferences to draw experts together from the fields of law, sociology, demography, philosophy, pluralism and history to better examine how progress for the immigrant could be improved, and that legal impediments be diminished. Its two periodical publications, "International Migration Review" and "Migration World", reached a small but concerned audience, and carried articles of the highest rank. A considerable portion of these records refer to this activity. In summation, the records of the Center For Migration Studies ate a vital part in helping depict the 20th century American concern for immigration work.

Arrangement note

The collection is arranged into 16 series:

Series I: Records of the Board of Trustees (Directors) and Miscellaneous Records Pertaining to CMS Development

Series II: Records of Directors of CMS

Subseries A: Files of Father Silvano M. Tomasi

Subseries B: Files of Father Lydio F. Tomasi

Subseries C: Files of Father Andrew P. Brizzolara

Subseries D: Files of Father Graziano Battistella

Series III: Periodical Records

Subseries A: Migration Today Records

Subseries B: Migration World Records

Subseries C: International Migration Review Records

Subseries D: CMS Newsletter Records

Subseries E: Miscellaneous Brochures, Press Releases, Newsletters, and Reports

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Series V: Library and Archives Records

Series VI: Legal Conferences Sponsored by CMS

Series VII: Miscellaneous Conferences

Series VIII: Special Projects

Series IX: Fundraising and Social Functions

Series X: Reading Files

Series XI: General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents

Series XII: Scalabrini Communities

Series XIII: Subject Files

Series XIV: Financial Records

Series XV: Newspaper Clippings

Series XVI: Posters

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies May 1989

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment. Materials in Box 27 related to job applications and references are closed.

Conditions Governing Use note

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

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Transferred to the archives circa 1988.

Processing Information note

In 2014, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS and folder descriptions and series names 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

Center for Migration Studies Records Addendum (CMS 084A)
Center for Migration Studies Photographs Collection (CMS 091)

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Geographic Name(s)

- New York (N.Y.)

Personal Name(s)

- Tomasi, Silvano M., Most Rev., 1940--

Subject(s)

- Congresses and conventions |z United States.
- Emigration and immigration |z United States
- Immigration policy and research

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Records of the Board of Trustees (Directors) and Miscellaneous Records Pertaining to CMS Development 1964-1987

Scope and Contents note

Like many other organizations similarly incorporated, CMS had a Board of Trustees or Advisory Board of Directors. The records herein, which date back to the very inception of the Center illustrate to some extent the philosophy goals, problems and work entailed in establishing the Institution. Besides such documents as Minutes of meetings, there will also be found herein, other records which were gathered together by the Directors as being basic documents illustrating the problems and solutions encountered over the years.

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically.

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CMS Development 1964-1987

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Scope and Contents note

Covering the period 1964-1972 as well as 1984-1985, 1987 this series, which bears the title given to it by the Director, consists of some minutes or reports of meetings; correspondence; memoranda; and financial statements, and was intended to gather together data of paramount importance or significance in directing and maintaining the proper functioning of the institution. One individual folder herein is titled "Meetings of the Fathers at the Center". covers and consists of Minutes of Meetings at which the Provincial Superior was present to give his views and input. Also Included are some typed drafts of the organization's Bylaws and Constitution and a photocopy of its

Series II: Records of Directors of CMS

Certificate of Incorporation. These are dated circa 1969. The materials for the period are fragmentary in quantity and consist essentially of a small amount of correspondence, especially with foundations; summary sheets indicating amount of funds to petition to foundations; some organizational charts of CMS; financial statements; and a proposed 1987 Plan.

CMS Corporation 1966-1981

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Scope and Contents note

Covering the years 1966 to 1981, this small group of records consist of correspondence, memoranda and miscellaneous documents varying widely in subject matter, but in essence consist of miscellaneous but basic concerns of the Center, especially during some of its more formative years. Some correspondence, for example, deals with questionnaires submitted to the Center by publishers of directories, while other portions deal with requests for information made by CMS and, still other portions concern the Provincial Superior. Miscellaneous documents include a few copies of "News", a newsletter published by CMS; and a clipping or two. Within this sub-group are two files titled "Statement of Purpose and History" and "Center's Future". The former consists of statement drafts on the subject, a copy of a letter sent to the Provincial Superior, and several photographs depicting the Center. These are dated ca. 1972. The latter consists of two or three memoranda or copies of letters sent dated ca. 1975 concerning the subject.

Agenda and Minutes of the Board of Trustees 1983-1985

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Series II: Records of Directors of CMS**Scope and Contents note**

Subseries A: Files of Father Silvano M. Tomasi

These files pertain to Father Silvano Tomasi who was director from the inception of CMS until 1976 and to Father Lydio Tomasi who assumed the post.. Also found here are minor portions of the records of two Assistant Directors, Father Andrew Brizzolara who served from 1975-1979 and Father Graziano Battistella who assumed that post in 1980. The files consist essentially of general correspondence and related documents and refer to all the activities associated with CMS, that is, editorial work for CMS publications, arranging conferences, and similar. It may also be said that all contain some personal papers as well such as correspondence with fellow priests or friends.

Subseries A: Files of Father Silvano M. Tomasi 1964-1985**Scope and Contents note**

Father Silvano Tomasi served as Director of CMS from its inception in 1964 to 1976. In later years he was also president of the Board of Trustees. In 1936 Father was also appointed Vicar General of the Scalabrini Order, and in 1933 was appointed Director of Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees at the United States Catholic Conference in Washington, D.C. The Director and some other staff sometimes held other posts in the CMS organization as well. For example, Father Tomasi is usually addressed as "Director," but will also be addressed as "Editor." Father himself was also a scholar and writer, and thus one will find papers which he accumulated as part of his research as well as some correspondence or minutes with such organizations as American Italian Historical Association of which he was an officer, touching on his duties at CMS, but essentially to be considered personal in nature. Very early correspondence sheds some light on the beginning of CMS.

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Silvano Tomasi Files 1976-1979

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Silvano Tomasi Files 1967-1972

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Scope and Contents note

These records are arranged by the names of two individuals, Father Dino Cinel, and Michael G. Wenk and four subjects titled by Father Tomasi "IMR Beginnings and Others"; "Dissertations in Progress"; "College of Staten Island and New School for Social Research"; and "Research". Correspondence with Father Cinel is in Italian and for the most part is between Father Cinel and other Scalabrinian priests, not Father Tomasi. Father Cinel served both In Rome and in New York and was a dedicated priest and scholar. This file is dated ca. 1967-1969. Correspondence with Michael G. Wenk, who was with the United States Catholic Conference, Department of immigration, is dated 1971-1972. Wenk, a friend of Father Tomasi, was an expert on immigration and served as an assistant editor of the Center's periodicals.

Data labelled IMR Beginnings and Other is dated 1967-1968 and contains some typescripts of articles; some general correspondence; and some personal documents. Dissertations in Progress contains a small amount of correspondence regarding dissertations in which Father Silvano was either interested in or had been asked for some advice This file is dated 1970-1972 [a 1983 item included handled by Father Lydio]. The College of Staten Island and New School for Social Research file is dated 1970-1972 and reflects on Father Silvano teaching career at the two institutions as an adjunct professor. Material labelled "Research" is the most extensive. It consist of some correspondence especially with individuals seeking Father's participation in conferences (dated ca. 1967-1971); and photocopies of documents arranged basically by geographic area (Detroit, New Haven, Pittsburgh, etc.) which were copied from archives in Rome (in all likelihood all were copied from the Archivio Generale Scalabriniano and around late 1960s needed in preparation for a book Father was writing with Edward C. Stibili.

Subseries B: Files of Father Lydio F. Tomasi

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Photograph Albums 1967-1972

Scope and Contents note

Consists of five albums. all depict some of the many activities in which Father was engaged. The one volume labelled deals with the blessing of the Casa Del Marinaio which took place February 3, 1970. This is the only volume which does not deal directly with Father Tomasi. The other four depict activities in 1967, 1968, 1971, and 1972. Most photographs are in black and white and loose.

Subseries B: Files of Father Lydio F. Tomasi 1971-1987**Scope and Contents note**

Father Lydio Tomasi, assumed that post through his association with the organization dated back to the early formative years when he was assistant director as well as serving in other capacities. Like his brother, Father Silvano, Father Lydio was a writer, editor, teacher, sociologist, and active in many Italian-American organizations, and took an active role in many civic affairs. As with the files of Father Silvano, his files well refer to all the activities associated with the running of CMS. Some Personal Papers also are interspersed throughout. Files are composed essentially of general correspondence. Also to be found here is a large amount of material regarding Grant Proposals and Applications made to a number of foundations asking them to assist CMS to out its work and apostolate.

Operating as a non-profit educational agency, CMS needed to depend in large measure on receiving grants from foundations in order to help carry out its mandates. Grants were needed not only for ordinary operating expenses, but were especially required for the Publication, *International Migration Review*, which often was issued as a "Special Issue" which drew together scholars of the highest caliber to write on very specialized topics, and for assisting in publishing some of its very specialized books.

The records herein consist essentially of correspondence, applications, memoranda, work papers, and other relevant documents revolving around proposals made to specific foundations. These, naturally, will vary in quantity depending on the proposal, some files consisting of only one or two documents, others

Subseries B: Files of Father Lydio F. Tomasi

of a half of a cubic foot of documentation or more. Records are arranged in alphabetical order by name of foundation and an indication of the purpose for which the grant was sought will be given.

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Scope and Contents note

Father Andrew Brizzolara served as Assistant Director of CMS from 1975-1979 and was responsible not only for editorial work, but also supervised the Graphics Department in producing covers for CMS publications, brochures and similar items. These files are dated 1972-1979, though essentially official records pertaining to CMS activity, nevertheless contain some personal papers as well, such as correspondence between Father Andrew and fellow priests or friends. Official records consist basically of correspondence regarding editorial work, conferences, and the activities associated with CMS activity.

Subseries D: Files of Father Graziano Battistella 1982-1988**Scope and Contents note**

Father Graziano Battistella assumed the office of Assistant Director in 1930. He was a writer, editor, and sociologist, and was responsible for conducting several of the Special Projects. He also took an active role in the Scalabrini Order by his work with the Federation of Centers For Migration Studies "G.B. Scalabrini" (FCMS), as well as with responsibilities associated with committee work for the Saint Charles Province of the Order, the Province where he was stationed. The files of Father Battistella also contain some personal papers.

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As an organization dealing with the problems of immigration, CMS was impelled to examine this phenomenon through the publication of a periodical or periodicals on the subject. Indeed, publishing such a journal was actually the basic *raison d'être* of the institution's establishment.

Prior to the establishment of CMS, the Cleric-Students of Saint Charles Seminary published a small mimeographed annual titled "Emigration Digest". This publication was begun in 1951-1957.

In Spring 1964, just as CMS was officially opening the Eastern Province of the Scalabrini Fathers began the publication of "International Migration Digest". With the Spring 1966 issue publication was

Subseries A: Migration Today Records

undertaken by CMS, and one issue later, that is with Fall 1966, the name of the journal was changed to "International Migration Review", the name it is known as today.

In 1974, CMS decided to issue a new journal, "Migration Today". In 1986, this journal's name was changed to "Migration World."

The "CMS Newsletter" began publication around 1970 and in essence, as newsletters generally are, was a public relations vehicle primarily giving and providing news concerning the activities undertaken by CMS.

Subseries A: Migration Today Records**Box**

General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents

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Scope and Contents note

This box contains subjects such as American Public Welfare Association Art Work, Articles, Book Reviews, Books Received - complimentary Backs Sent For Review, Editorial, Legal Column, Material For Future Issues Miscellaneous, Potential Subscribers, Published Articles, Rationale, Refugee Reports, Rejected Manuscripts, Scalabrini Page, and Subscription Form Letter.

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Scope and Contents note

As part of its apostolate to study and to promote the concerns of migrants throughout the world, CMS from its earliest days engaged in publishing monographs and books relating to this topic. Though most of these studies were strictly sociological and demographic in nature and devoted to the scholar, some others were of a popular historical nature treating especially, the Italian ethnic group or individuals from that group. The Center also published guides to specific archival collections under its jurisdiction to help disseminate knowledge of its holdings. In a few instances, publication was undertaken jointly with other organizations having a similar interests.

Records in this Series, then, pertain to this aspect of CMS activities, and consist of correspondence with authors; contracts; releases; correspondence with printers, occasionally some layouts and drafts of the manuscripts; and similar documents, though not all of these types of documents are found for all publications. Not all publications

Series V: Library and Archives Records

are included and more especially absent are any records regarding the publication of the various Guides to the Archives since these were of strictly limited editions prepared in-house with no outside contacts except for financial arrangement with the printer. Nevertheless even though records do not exist for each and every publication, a sample copy of virtually everyone will be found in this sub-group. Those not here may be consulted in the CMS Library. Records are arranged in chronological order by date of publication. Several photographs are included among these records.

Some publications, like *Arabic Speaking Community in American Cities* had subsequent printings and copyright dates. The dates given are those of the first copyright or printing. Materials for each volume is essentially dated for or around that year. Also proceedings of Legal Conferences were published. Also to be noted is a small file of correspondence regarding "Rejected Manuscripts", dated 1974-1975 and 1977-1982. There is correspondence between CMS and authors and/or reviewers who examined manuscripts submitted to CMS for possible publication.

Other Finding Aids note

An inventory of the books can be found in the repository.

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Series V: Library and Archives Records**Scope and Contents note**

Records in this group refer to both activities with that of the Archives predominating. Depending on a particular year, quite often one individual worked in the dual capacity of librarian and archivist,

Subseries A: General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents relating t...

especially Dr. Olha Della Cava. Some insight is given into the very early years of the formation of both library and archives, especially in the more prosaic matters involved in setting up the agencies.

Subseries A: General Correspondence and Miscellaneous Documents relating to Professional Matters 1974-1980

Scope and Contents note

This Series essentially deals with the organization and set up and establishing of the archives; professional library and archives organizations (obtaining literature, attending conferences, seeking grants, and similar); and allied concerns and is arranged in alphabetical order by Subject. Records consist of some minimal general correspondence; pamphlets and other literature; and miscellaneous documents and generally cover the period ca. 1974-1980. In essence, then these records give some insight into the initial setting up of the archives and library, and were in a manner of speaking the work capers of Dr. Olha Della Cava the first professional archivist and librarian, and give some insight into the early years of the units.

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Scope and Contents note	
Arranged 1968-1983 this small amount of documentation is varied. Included are a few letters regarding the Scalabrini historian. Father Mario Francesconi for the year 1972. The rest of the documentation essentially concerns the microfilming of various archival	

Subseries D: Correspondence Relating to Books Requested

documents while other general correspondence concerns the donation of some archival collections or material to the archives; and a 1971 letter refers to the creation of an archival committee.

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Contained herein is the correspondence between either the librarians (Mildred Prinzivalle or Dr. Olha Della Cava) or editors of the International Migration Review (Philip Kayal or Eleanor M. Rogg) with authors or publishers requesting books for purchase or review. Quite often, the two different units of CMS carried on the function one for the other and books received for review in the IMR were later transferred to the library. Thus, the library obtained some volumes in this regard, purchased many others, and sometimes exchanged publications.

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In 1978, spurred on by the ever growing problem of and interest in the subject of the undocumented alien, CMS began sponsoring a Legal Conference on the subject. Calling on the expertise of many individuals these conferences, which were held on an annual basis in the nation's capital, attracted a wide audience of scholars. The proceedings which resulted from these meetings were published under the general title, IN DEFENSE OF THE ALIEN. Records in this Series cover the years 1978 through 1986 and measure 4 cubic feet. They consist of correspondence with various speakers; biographical Sketches or vitae on the same; correspondence regarding hotel arrangements; programs; some financial papers; some work papers; and some miscellaneous correspondence. Generally speaking, it can be said that files for each year are arranged into about five or six subjects such as "Grant Requests", "Call For Suggestions", "General Correspondence". "Correspondence with Speakers". "Financial Documents", "Registration". "Programs", "Speaker's Vita", "Programs and Press Releases" and "Proceedings," "Speakers Papers".

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Scope and Contents note

As part of its working function, the director of CMS and/or another member of the staff attended various conferences sponsored by groups with allied interests. Some of these conferences were occasionally co-sponsored by CMS, and on occasion fully sponsored by the institution. Often the director presented a paper at a session. On a few occasions, some of the conferences listed below were those not actually attended but ones in which CMS was requested to submit a paper or which CMS requested the proceedings. Records include correspondence, copies of papers read or engendered by the conferences or distributed at the conference, and miscellaneous publication or documents.

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In 1974-1975 CMS was commissioned to hold a Media Conference and then to undertake a study of the Eastern Province of the Scalabrini Order. The points emphasized in the study were the use of Communication Media made by priests, the profile of individual priests, and attitudes on Health and Retirement by priests. An official study of the results was never formally published, but rather was issued informally through meetings, newsletters and the like. Documents in the file are a sampling of responses from the original approximately one hundred inquirers. Also found are a few related documents such as the List of Participants; a tentative budget; memoranda regarding the project, a few miscellaneous documents regarding communication media and similar. Also included here is a very small amount of miscellaneous documents regarding a follow up 2nd Media Conference held in 1978. We also note that allied with this project but distinct from it was a project undertaken by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) essentially to conclude the survey of the Province which CMS had initiated. Father Silvano Tomasi, CMS Director, acted as liaison for the Scalabrini Fathers with CARA. There is a minimum amount of documentation regarding this aspect, which is dated ca. 1975.

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On December 3, 1969 a symposium was held in New York City on the Italian Language Apostolate, organized by CMS. It was attended by two bishops, several priests and a number of interested lay people, and thus was formed the Committee on Italian Language Apostolate New York Metropolitan Area. Among the issues raised at the meeting was the need for a Newsletter to be published for those engaged in working with newly arrived Italian immigrants, and CMS was requested to serve as "a clearing house for information and ideas". The symposium also produced a decision "to start an informal newsletter", and that CMS "publish this newsletter."

Records are dated 1969 to 1972 (several 1967 or earlier documents also included) and consist of working papers relative to the drafting of a Constitution; some Minutes of Meetings; several booklets containing by-laws of organizations with similar interest; several questionnaires evidently circulated among prospective members; copies of the Newsletter; several photographs; and some Miscellaneous Documents.

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Sometime around 1983 RAI Corporation (Radio Television Italiana - an Italian Radio TV System) commissioned CMS to conduct a survey of Italian speaking individuals and their interest in the Italian language programs being produced by the Corporation, and in any related matters. This group of records refer to the survey and essentially are working papers used in one way or another to conduct the survey, For example, there are Census Tracts of the New York Metropolitan Area; Italian name lists arranged by zip codes, questionnaires and similar. There are several letters and other documents dated around 1971-1973 referring to an earlier survey for Italvision conducted by CMS.

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As one of its projects to help celebrate the Country's Bicentennial in 1975, government officials undertook the erection of a museum on Bedloe Island devoted to American migration. In 1971 various ethnic leaders voiced their concern over what they perceived as inadequacies in the proposed museum. Among these were the Director of CMS, Father Silvano Tomasi.

This small group of records relates to this concern of CMS and its efforts to correct museum inadequacies especially in regard to its depiction of migration from Italy, and it is in this regard that it is placed in this "Special Projects" sub-group. Records consist of General Correspondence; Exhibit Plans of the Museum; and a very few newspaper clippings or miscellaneous documents. These are dated 1972.

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In 1974, CMS was asked by the Montreal based COPRAS to prepare a questionnaire so that the organization could learn with accuracy the most common problems which newly arrived Italians faced in Canada. This file consists of some work papers, correspondence, and other documentation regarding said project.

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In 1971, The Toronto archdiocese asked CMS to conduct, in connection with York University, "a study on the religious profile of Italians in Metro Toronto," The records in this subseries are the actual work papers (interview forms and computer print-outs) connected with the project which lasted through 1975. Virtually the whole amount of these papers (as received in the archives) have been retained, and will serve as a good sample of the in-depth research carried on by CMS, Results of this project are available on tape but are not in the archives. Also included is a very small amount of general

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In order to help raise much needed funds to carry on their apostolate and to promote and to publicize its work, being carried on, the Board of Directors and Director of CMS, instituted two main fund raising and social events. One of these was a Cocktail Party to be held on an annual or other appropriate time basis; the other an Oil Painting and Sculpture Exhibition to be held also annually if possible. Naturally, besides helping to raise funds, these events gave the opportunity for CMS staff and others concerned to socialize, meet guests and otherwise promote a better understanding of the activities of CMS.

Records in this Series cover the First Cocktail Party held on June 9, 1972 as well as the First Oil Painting and Sculpture exhibit held on April 18, 1980. The Cocktail Party was held at the Columbus Citizens Club in Manhattan, the Exhibition on the grounds of CMS. Records are rather similar for both events and include such documents as mailing lists, press releases, invitations, some correspondence and similar.

Series X: Reading Files**Series X: Reading Files****Scope and Contents note**

From its very inception CMS implemented one of the better procedures known to records managers for the filing and control of its growing volume of correspondence. Titled "Reading Files", this concept provided that two copies be made of every letter sent by the institution in answer to an inquiry or in the pursuit of information. Thus, one copy was filed in the "Reading File", in a sense a security file, chronologically by month, and one copy was filed according to its subject or department of origin. Thus, naturally, a variety of topics are covered by this file, and except for what the Center thought was some very minor or incidental correspondence which was not placed in this "Reading File", every single activity undertaken by the Center is represented here. The majority of letters deal with the possible publication of articles in the Center's journals; the setting up of meetings and appointments; and requests for information.

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CMS directors, as part of the overall community of Scalabrini Fathers, reported to their immediate superiors at various intervals; conferred with other members of their community (both Eastern and Western Province); were involved in various Scalabrini conferences and decisions; and otherwise interacted with the other members of the broad Community, especially in the United States. Further, CMS was affiliated with organizations of a similar nature as theirs in other parts of the world which they

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had helped formed, and which, again, were part of the overall community of the Scalabrini Congregation and their apostolate of concern for the immigrants.

Correspondence in this Series deals with varied matters and is dated 1966-1987, the first and last few years being fragmentary. Correspondence with the superior of the Eastern Province under whose direct jurisdiction CMS lay, deals with such items as reporting on the progress of articles or books being published or considered for publication; answering inquiries submitted by others through Provincial headquarters; requesting approval for certain capital expenditures; and similar. Father Joseph Spigolon was the Provincial during most of the period encompassed by these records when he was succeeded by Father Silvano Tomasi. Correspondence with other members of the Scalabrini Congregation is very varied and deals with a number of different topics and events. Records are filed chronologically except for eight categories which are arranged by Subject.

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Letters in this Series are by and large those written to the Director of CMS, and not only in his directorship role, but in his dual role as "Editor of IMR" or other capacities, for it is to be remembered that especially during the Center's formative years, the Director's main function was to oversee the

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publication of that journal. Also to be remembered is that the CMS Director or other staff members often held membership on executive boards of many organizations presented in this Subject File (AICC) and thus documents pertaining to these organizations (minutes of meetings, brochures, etc.) found their way herein.

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Oversized**Scope and Contents note**

Found in this sub-group are approximately 30 to 40 posters, of various sizes measuring from about 8" x 11" to oversized of about 28" x 40." These for the most part which were obtained principally at conferences attended by the director or others. These invariably deal with Immigration, are often artistic in nature, and over the years have become rather unique.