

# **Guide to the National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains Records CMS.100**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Creator</b>	Jamnicky , John A.
<b>Title</b>	National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains Records
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1980s-1990s
<b>Extent</b>	6.0 Linear feet in twelve manuscript boxes.
<b>Language</b>	English

**Language of Materials note** Materials are in English.

**Abstract** This collection documents the work of two organizations, the National Catholic Conference of Airport Chaplains and International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains, both founded in the 1980s, through the work of John A. Jamnicky, who was the president of both organizations in the late 1980s to mid 1990s. The collection contains photographs, the correspondence of John A. Jamnicky with airport chaplains and members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, brochures describing airports and the services, religious or otherwise provided, materials from annual conferences, and other materials regarding aviation ministry. The collection covers a wide geographic scope, documenting the international aviation ministry. Correspondence and meeting minutes reveal the chaplains' everyday work. The most traditional aspect of the chaplains' work is with those traveling through the airport. The chaplain also serves those who work at the airport, the homeless who find shelter there, and the members of the surrounding community who are affected by the airport's employment opportunities, noise, pollution, and ground traffic.

**Preferred Citation note**

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## Biographical/Historical note

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The records in this collection document the combination of the commitment of the Catholic Church to care for travelers and twentieth century developments in travel technology. Air travel expanded greatly after World War II. Catholics were among those who worked in aviation, and they integrated their professional and spiritual lives. For example, in May 1951, Robert E. O'Brien, a port patrol officer with the U.S. Customs Service stationed at New York International Airport at Idlewild (now John F. Kennedy International Airport), organized a group to meet each Thursday around a statuette of Our Lady of Fatima set up in a cargo room and to make a novena to pray for an end to the Korean conflict. When the Reverend Walter Missbach of nearby Christ the King parish joined the group, the members prevailed upon him to say Sunday mass at the airport so Catholics who worked that day could meet their religious obligations. Father Missbach said his first mass August 3, 1952 at 7:15 AM. Christ the King's pastor, the Reverend Arthur Harold, helped the group get to the next stage of its development, which culminated in the opening of Our Lady of the Skies Chapel October 26, 1955. This local example was repeated in airports around the world. Over time, and with support from the Catholic hierarchy, local initiatives became aware of each other, which led to the formation of associations.

Two such associations are represented in this collection. The older of the two began in 1961 as an initiative of the Reverend Xavier de Meeus of Brussels National Airport in Belgium. In 1967, the organization, then known as Civil Aviation Chaplains International, began holding annual meetings. In 1984, the organization adopted the name International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains (IACAC), and promulgated a constitution, which it amended in October 1986.

The more recent organization dates from March 6, 1984, when the Reverend Silvano M. Tomasi, then Director of the Bishops' Committee on Migration and Tourism of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), began to seek ways to support airport ministries that had already developed and to expand the ministry to new locations. Tomasi's efforts led to the formation of the National Catholic Conference of Airport Chaplains (NCCAC) in August 1986. In 2002, the organization changed its name to National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains, retaining the same initials.

The records of these two organizations originated with the Reverend John A. Jamnicky. Father Jamnicky began his airport ministry as chaplain of Chicago O'Hare International Airport in 1980. He was from 1984 to 1993 President of the IACAC and from 1986 to 1996 President of the NCCAC. In 2000, he became the Coordinator of Human Mobility Apostolates of the NCCB Bishops' Office of Migration and Refugee Services, and in this capacity he contacted Diana Zimmerman, Director of the Library and Archives at the Center for Migration Studies, regarding preservation of this collection.

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## Scope and Contents note

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Chaplains are familiar sights when there is an airplane crash, hijacking, or other aviation disaster. This collection documents other aspects of aviation ministry. Correspondence and meeting minutes reveal the chaplains' everyday work. The most traditional aspect of the chaplains' work is with those traveling through the airport. The chaplain also serves those who work at the airport, the homeless who find shelter there, and the members of the surrounding community who are affected by the airport's employment opportunities, noise, pollution, and ground traffic.

While much of the documentation here came from Roman Catholics, airport chaplains work in an inherently multicultural environment. The collection documents the practical aspects of the ecumenical and interfaith movements, as Catholic chaplains collaborated with laity and leaders of all faiths to provide spiritual services at airports. Such collaboration has an impact on Catholicism as well, and this can be seen in the brochures and photographs depicting airport chapels. These images document religious symbols used at airport, how these symbols have evolved over time, and how they vary across faiths and cultures.

The collection contains photographs, the correspondence of John A. Jamnicky with airport chaplains and members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, brochures describing airports and the services, religious or otherwise provided, materials from annual conferences, and other materials regarding aviation ministry. The collection covers a wide geographic scope, documenting the international aviation ministry.

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## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged into four series

Series I: Airport Files

Series II: International Association of Civilian Airport Chaplains Files

Series III: National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains Files

Series IV: Photographs

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## Administrative 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 by the US Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains in the late 1990s.

### **Processing Information note**

In 2015, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS and adapted from the original word document into EAD.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains.
- National Catholic Conference of Airport Chaplains (U.S.).

### **Occupation(s)**

- Chaplains |x Catholic Church.

### **Subject(s)**

- International airports.

## Series I: Airport Files

## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Airport Files circa 1980s-1990s

#### Arrangement note

They are arranged alphabetically by country, city and airport.

#### Scope and Contents note

Father John A. Jamnicky generated these 99 files in his capacity as president of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains or as president of the National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains. They contain correspondence with airport chaplains and brochures describing the various airports and the services, religious or otherwise, provided at them.

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Canada. Calgary. circa 1980s-1990s	1	8
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United States of America. Houston, TX. Hobby International Airport. circa 1980s-1990s	6	77
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**Series II: International Association of Civilian Airport Chaplains Files circa 1980s-1990s****Scope and Contents note**

Father Jamnicky generated these 16 files in his capacity as president of the IACAC. The subjects include the management of the organization, particularly its annual conferences, and the organization's history.

**Arrangement note**

Arranged alphabetically by subject.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Conference 1993. Correspondence. 1993	8	100
Conference 1993. Official program. 1993	8	101
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**Series III: National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains Files circa 1980s-1990s****Scope and Contents note**

Father Jannicky generated these 12 files in his capacity as president of the NCCAC. They are arranged alphabetically by subject, although the most usual subject is "office files" for a particular year. The office files contain correspondence, sometimes with airport chaplains but also with members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, regarding the aviation ministry.

**Arrangement note**

## Series III: National Conference of Catholic Airport Chaplains Files

Arranged alphabetically by subject.		
	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Inactive. 1 of 2. circa 1980s-1990s	10	117
Inactive. 2 of 2. circa 1980s-1990s	10	118
Mailings. circa 1980s-1990s	11	119
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Office files 1990	11	123
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**Series IV: Photographs****Series IV: Photographs circa 1980s-1990s****Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of 12 envelopes of photographs arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the country, name of city and name of airport. Father Jamnicky received these photographs from airport chaplains around the world, and kept them in his Airports Files. They were removed to these envelopes so that they may be more easily located and preserved.

**Arrangement note**

They are arranged alphabetically by country of origin, city and airport.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Argentina. Buenos Aires. circa 1980s-1990s	12	130
Belgium. Brussels. circa 1980s-1990s	12	131
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United States of America. Tampa, FL. circa 1980s-1990s	12	142