Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Records
CMS.113
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## Summary Information

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<td>Abstract</td>
<td>The Catholic Legal Immigration Network Records documents the activities of an agency that applied Catholic social teaching to the issue of immigration into the United States. The records cover the period from 2001 to 2008 and consist entirely of publications. Most were generated by the agency itself, but there is also a file of copies of publications by Executive Director Don Kerwin that appeared in journals across the country.</td>
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Biographical/Historical note

CLINIC is an expression of a long history of American Catholic organizational development. Initially, each see was a place unto itself, and its ordinary identified and met charitable needs. When the United States entered World War I, the American hierarchy organization the National Catholic War Council so that Catholics across the country might be organized together to assist the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's organization that was first in the field of assisting the troops. The war experience proved the usefulness of having a national structure to address common problems, and the hierarchy reorganized their war effort as the National Catholic Welfare Council, keeping the same initials. At the Vatican's request the hierarchy changed the name to National Catholic Welfare Conference, "Council" implying a greater degree of legislative power than the agency actually had. In 1922, the NCWC opened its Bureau of Immigration, which was charged with lobbying in Washington for immigration legislation that more faithfully reflected Christian teaching, and with providing hands-on care for immigrants at their ports of entry. The Bureau of Immigration, had four offices: its main one in Washington, D.C., and field offices in El Paso, Texas, New York harbor and, briefly, Philadelphia. Over the next generation, however, ordinaries, religious orders and lay people organized their own groups to address local immigration concerns. in 1968, the American hierarchy overhauled its national organization. As part of that overhaul, the hierarchy established the Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) as a national office for immigration and a support for these myriad local efforts. Reflecting its national reach, CLINIC's headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.113 documents the activities of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), which was founded in 1968 to support Catholic efforts in the field of immigration nationwide. The collection consists of publications, most of them generated by CLINIC but some published by its then Executive Director, Don Kerwin, in scholarly and Catholic publications. The collection documents CLINIC's vision of its work and provides some examples of CLINIC in action.

Arrangement note

The collection consists of one series, the material deposited in 2008; it is anticipated that CLINIC will make other deposits that will become subsequent series. The series consists of five folders, arranged...
alphabetically: 1. Annual Reports
2. Deed of Gift
3. Kerin, Don (copies of his publications)
5. Policy Paper: Justice for Newcomers/Justicia para los recien llegados

Administrative Information

Publication Information
Center for Migration Studies 2016 March 4

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note
CMS.113 came to the Center for Migration Studies in September 2008 courtesy of CLINIC's Maura Collins.

Processing Information note
In 2013, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. Folder titles in the container list online may vary from the the physical folder titles.

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church.
# Collection Inventory

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