

Charles Zanoni, c.s., Papers

CMS.111

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Charles Zanoni, c.s., Papers
Date [inclusive]	1931-2014
Extent	0.5 Linear feet 1 document box
Location note	CMS.111 is housed at the Center for Migration Studies, 307 East 60th Street, third floor, New York, New York 10022.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	This collection is mainly in English although there are materials in Italian, Latin, and Spanish.
Abstract	CMS.111 contains the papers and images that the Rev. Charles Zanoni, c.s., judged significant enough to deposit with the Center for Migration Studies archives. At the heart of the collection are images: photographs of religious ceremonies important in Zanoni's life, images of Saint Charles Borromeo--the patron of the order to which Zanoni belongs-- and an extensive collection of prayer cards collected mostly from Zanoni's religious confreres. These are supplemented by papers documenting the history and theology of the Order of the Scalabrinians and by an audiocassette of a papal audience attended by members of the order.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Rev. Charles J. Zanoni Papers (CMS.111); Box 1; Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

Father Charles Zanoni, c.s., was born on December 27th, 1935, to two Italian immigrants living outside of Chicago in Melrose Park, Illinois. Born into a Catholic family, early in life he attended parishes staffed by members of a religious order then known as the Pious Society of Saint Charles and now known as the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, founded in 1887 to minister to migrants and refugees. He joined the order, making his first vows in September 1955. Educated at the order's He Sacred Heart Seminary in Chicago and Saint Charles Seminary in New York, he was ordained April 7, 1962, by Joseph Pernicone, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, at one of the Scalabrini Fathers' biggest missions, the Church of Our Lady of Pompei in Greenwich Village. A member of the Scalabrinians' Saint Charles Province, covering the eastern seaboard of North America from Canada to South America north of Brazil, he served in a variety of parishes in Canada and the United States before returning to Our Lady of Pompei as pastor, a position he held from 1981 to 1989. During that time he led the parish in renovating the mural above the church altar, restoring it to its original design while adding images of Blessed Scalabrini and Saint Martin de Porres, a nod to the fact that the Italian immigrants at Pompei once worshipped in a church building they had bought from an African-American Roman Catholic congregation (Saint Benedict the Moor), and he created and edited a parish newsletter, the Village Bells. From there, he served at the Scalabrinian-run rest home of Villa Rosa in Mitchellville, Maryland, at the Scalabrinians' House of Studies in Jamaica, Queens, and, from 1996 to 2005 as pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Washington, D.C. He was then reassigned to the parish of Saint Rocco in Johnston, Rhode Island. He reached retirement age while serving at the parish of Saint Bartholomew in Silver Lake, Rhode Island, from which he deposited his personal papers with the Center for Migration Studies.

Scope and Contents note

Generally a person's papers document events in a person's life; CMS.111, instead, documents the interests of its depositor: the Rev. Charles Zanoni, c.s. Zanoni since childhood has been attracted to an organization priorly known as the Pious Society of Saint Charles, a congregation of male religious founded in 1887 to minister to migrants and refugees, beginning with the Italians from whom the order's earliest recruits were drawn. Zanoni joined the community in 1955. During his time with the Order, the community underwent great changes. It adopted a new name, the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, to honor both the order's patron saint and its founder, Blessed Bishop John Baptist Scalabrini, and it expanded its ministry to include non-pastoral missions and also ministry to migrants and refugees of other ethnicities and language groups. Zanoni was one of those who connected the order to its Italian roots. Born to Italian immigrants and bilingual, he ministered to newly arrived immigrants and to generations of Italian-Americans in a number of Scalabrinian-staffed parishes in Canada and eastern United States.

At the heart of CMS.111 are several series of images. Zanoni collected images of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph on the Flight into Egypt from stationery and Christmas cards. This is a key image of Jesus for the Scalabrinians, because it depicts the Holy Family as migrants and refugees, the people the Scalabrinians serve. Similarly, Zanoni collected postcard-sized images of Saint Charles Borromeo, his personal patron saint and the patron of the Scalabrinian order. Photographs document key events in Zanoni's life as a Scalabrinian and a priest, such as his profession of final vows and his ordination. Finally, Zanoni collected prayer cards, pocket-sized paper items given to guests attending a milestone event in a person's religious life, such as a funeral or an ordination, usually with information about the event on one side and an image on the other. The cards document Zanoni's social life and connections to other members of the Scalabrinian community from parishioners to fellow clergy members. They also document changes in the technology creating devotional items and the aesthetics of piety.

These images are supplemented by two other genres of items. CMS.111 includes a series of papers documenting Scalabrinian history and theology in various ways, and also an audiocassette recording of an audience with Pope John Paul II that members of the Scalabrinian community attended.

The donor arranged the collection into its present Series. Low-resolution scans have been made of the photographs and prayer cards to facilitate research.

Additionally, CMS.111 might be useful to researchers studying the life and pastoral work of Catholic priests, particularly Scalabrinians, in the twentieth century from ordination to retirement. It also speaks more broadly to Catholic, particularly Italian-American, devotional life.

Arrangement note

CMS.111 is arranged into four Series as follows.

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

This collection was directly donated by Father Charles Zanoni, c.s., in May of 2015.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.029, Rhode Island Churches Records CMS.036, Church of the Holy Rosary Records CMS.037, Church of Our Lady of Pompei Records CMS.078, Saint Charles Province, Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, Records

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians. -- Archives

Genre(s)

- Photographs

Subject(s)

- Devotional objects |x Catholic Church, [Orthodox Eastern Church, etc.]
- Priests |z United States.

Papers

Collection Inventory

Papers			
	Box	Folder	
Father Charles Zanoni, c.s., Cover letter 2015 May 22	1	1	
Articles on Scalabrinians, Celebration of Mother Cabrini's arrival in the United States with her sisters 1989-2009	1	2	
The original copy of a circular letter written by Rev. Domenico Vicentini, Superior General of the Congregation of St. Charles, Dated October 24, 1905, five months after death of the Founder Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini 1905 October 24	1	3	
Message of Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo Nuncio to the United States, Read by Msgr. Girelli, Charge D'Affaires at Washington D.C. 2005 June	1	4	
Papers written on Blessed Bishop Scalabrini 2005	1	5	
Research Material of St. Charles Borromeo 1990-1996	1	6	
Photographs 1961-1962	Box	Folder	
	1	7-23	
	Box	Folder	Photograph
Group Photo of Clerics and Faculty in 1948, Italy 1948	1	7	1

Photographs

Ordination of Subdeacons in 1961 1961	1	8	2-3
Ordination of Subdeacons in 1961 1961	1	9	4-5
Ordination of Subdeacons in 1961 1961	1	10	6
Ordinations of Deacons in 1961 1961	1	11	7-8
Ordination of Deacons in 1961 1961	1	12	9-10
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	13	11-12
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	14	13-14
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	15	15-16
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	16	17-18
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	17	19-20
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	18	21-22
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	19	23-24
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	20	25-26
Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	21	27-28

Pictures

Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	22	29-30
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Priestly Ordinations in 1962 1962	1	23	31
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Pictures 1961-2015

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Flight into Egypt: Biblical Symbol of Migration, A1-54 1966-2011	1	24
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St. Charles Borromeo Pictures, B1-19 1985-2012	1	25
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Prayer Cards

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Prayer Cards: Confreres- Profession of Vows, C1-16 1948 September 18-1983 August 14	1	26
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Prayer Cards: Ordination of Priests Confreres, D1-53 1931- 1998 November 28	1	27
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Prayer Cards: Anniversaries of Priest Ordination, E1-42 1949 September 7- 2012 April 7	1	28
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Prayer Cards: Memorials and Death Notices F1-50 1929-2014 November 20	1	24
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Audiocassette:. General Audience of the Holy Father John Paul II to the Ge...

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Audiocassette:. General Audience of the Holy Father John Paul II to the General Chapter of the Missionaries of Saint Charles/ Scalabrinians 1986 October 16	1	30