

Church of Our Lady of Pompeii, Montreal, Canada

CMS.056

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	Church of Our Lady of Pompeii (parish: Montreal, Canada).
Title	Church of Our Lady of Pompeii, Montreal, Canada, Records
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1969-1970
Date [inclusive]	1960-1979
Extent	1.75 Linear feet Three document Boxes
Location note	CMS.056 is housed at the Provincial House of the Province of Saint Charles, Society of Saint Charles, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	The materials in CMS.056 are in English, with some French and Italian.
Abstract	CMS.056 documents, via photographs, newspaper clippings, histories and ephemera, the creation of and activities at Our Lady of Pompeii, Montreal, Canada, which was founded by members of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, a congregation of male religious founded in 1887 to minister to migrants in transit and in their new homes.

Biographical/Historical note

The Scalabrinians founded Our Lady of Pompeii and its two parochial schools in Montreal, Canada, in 1960 to provide for the pastoral care of Italian-speaking Roman Catholics in that city. In 1962 the parish acquired an exact copy of the painting of Our Lady of the Rosary that hangs in the shrine in Pompeii, Italy. The church building for the parish opened in 1967.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.056 documents activity at the Roman Catholic parish of Our Lady of Pompeii in Montreal, Canada, from the founding of the parish in 1960 to the mid 1970s, when the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles, Scalabrinians, the order of priests that staffs the parish, began collecting material on the parishes in their care.

The types of documentation reflect the greater use of media in Catholic churches during the time period when Our Lady of Pompeii was founded. Series I, Church Bulletins, contains a run of these weekly publications from June 1960 to December 1972 and again from January 1975 to December 1977. Series III, Photographs, contains nearly 200 images, many of them candid shots taken at parish events such as the 1962 installation of the image of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii in the church and construction of a new church building in 1966 and 1967. Series II contains nearly 500 newspaper clippings. There are also four church histories, ranging from 1961 to 1973, and a folder of miscellaneous papers.

Like many collections of parish papers, CMS.056 documents the internal workings of the parish, with an emphasis on construction. The collection departs from convention in the degree to which it documents Our Lady of Pompeii's engagement with the secular world. The numerous news clippings all pertain to a law of the Province of Quebec, in which Our Lady of Pompeii is located, requiring schools be conducted in French and English; this was an issue at Pompeii because the parish also tried to accommodate pastoral needs by admitting to the parish school children whose home language was Italian, raising the possibility that the school would have to work extra hard to acquaint the children with two languages instead of just one. (Most Canadians already spoke either French or English at the time of starting school.)

Arrangement note

CMS.056 is arranged in five Series:

Series I: Church Bulletins

Series II: Photographs

Series III: Newspaper Clippings

Series IV: Church Histories

Series V: Miscellaneous Documents

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

The Center for Migration Studies acquired CMS.056 directly from the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii, Montreal, Canada.

Processing Information note

In 2016, CMS.056 was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. (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

CMS.078, Saint Charles Province, Society of Saint Charles Records

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Occupation(s)

- Canada x| Civilization x| Italian influences

Subject(s)

- Church records and registers |z Montreal |z Canada
 - Italian Americans |x Religion.
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Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

Series I: Church Bulletins

Collection Inventory

Series I: Church Bulletins June 1960-December 1972, January 1975-December 1977	Box 1
Series II: Photographs 1962-1967	Box 2
Series III: Newspaper Clippings September-October 1975 and June-July 1976	Box 3
Series IV: Church Histories 1961-1973	Box 1
Tenth anniversary of the installation of the painting of Our Lady of Pompeii 1972	
Series V: Miscellaneous Documents 1964-1970	Box 2