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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Louis Riello Papers
Date	1930-1970
Extent	1.0 Linear feet 2 document boxese
Location note	CMS.065 is housed at the Provincial House of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York, 10027.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	CMS.065 is in English, with some Italian.
Abstract	CMS.065 documents, through greeting card received, photographs, prayer cards and a notebook, the career of Father Louis Riello, a priest in the congregation of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, who served in Chicago, New York State, and New England between his arrival in the United States in 1936 and his death in 1971.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Louis Riello Papers (CMS.065); Box Number; Folder Name.

Biographical/Historical note

Born in Mussolente, Vicenza, Italy on 13 March 1909, Louis Reillo followed other men in his region into the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, a congregation of male religious funded in 1887 to minister to migrants. Ordained in 1935, a year after that he was assigned to the U.S. mission field. He served in the order's Saint John Province, mostly in Chicago, and in its Saint Charles Province, especially in New York and New England. From 1958 to 1964 he served as Provincial Superior of the Saint Charles Province. He died at one of the Scalabrini Fathers' missions, a nursing home called Villa Scalabrini, in North Kingston, Rhode Island, in 1971.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.065 provides episodic documentation of the career of Louis Riello, c.s., a priest and a member of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, from 1936, when Father Riello arrived in the United States to his death in 1971.

The most consistent document is provided through black and white photographs, of which there are two sets. During the 1940s and 1950s, Father Riello collected five photo albums. These contain snapshots depicting activities at the parishes in which he served, life among his Scalabrinian confreres in Italy and his visits to his family, also in Italy. A second set consists of loose photographs covering the same time periods and subjects.

The 1960s are documented by miscellaneous items found in Father Riello's room at the time of his death. One is a prayer card with perpetual novenas for Saint Ann and Saint Anthony. The other is a notebook containing addresses and a list of Italian proverbs or expressions.

The last month of Father Riello's life coincided with the Christmas holiday. The collection preserves the cards that he received for his last Christmas. These in turn document earlier episodes of his life, as some were sent to his immediate previous assignment at Immaculate Conception Novitiate in Cornwall, New York, and some come from parishioners he had served earlier than that, while at Saint Anthony, Somerville, Massachusetts, and Saint Peter, Syracuse, New York.

Arrangement note

Series I: Greeting Cards Received
Series II: Photographs
Subseries A: Photograph Albums
Subseries B: Loose Photographs
Series III: Miscellaneous Items

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

Mary Brown entered the finding aid for CMS.065 into Archivists' Toolkit using the prescriptions found in "Describing Archives: A Content Standard." 7 April 2017

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The contents of CMS.065 came to the Center for Migration Studies from Villa Scalabrini, North Kingston, Rhode Island.

Processing Information note

Archivist Nicholas J. Falco completed the processing of CMS.065 in April 1987.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.078 and its addendums, A, B, and C, contain the papers of the provincial administration of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians. These papers document Father Riello's time as a member of the province, in files he generated as provincial superior and in files devoted to the parishes he served.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Riello, Louis, c.s., (Rev.), 1909-1971

Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |x Religion.
 - Priests |z United States.
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Other Finding Aids note

Archivist Nicholas J. Falco's original print inventory of CMS.065 is available upon request.

Greeting Cards Received

Collection Inventory

Greeting Cards Received 1970	Box 1
Photographs	
	Box
Photograph Albums 1940-1959	1
Loose Photographs 1939-1950	2
Miscellaneous Items 1960	Box 2