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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Remigio Pigato, c.s., Papers
Date	1910-1930, 1976-1986
Extent	1.5 Linear feet in three document boxes
Location note	CMS.066 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 10014.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	CMS.066 is in English with some Italian.
Abstract	CMS.066 contains the personal papers of the Rev. Remigio Pigato, c.s. (1900-1986), a member of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians from 1925 until his death. Father Pigato's photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings and personal documents cover his time as a seminarian in Italy, his pastoral work in the New York-New England area and his retirement at the Scalabrinians' Villa Rosa in Mitchellville, Maryland.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical/Historical note

Remigio Pigato was born in Longa di Schiavon, Vicenza, Italy, June 17, 1900. An early vocation he entered what is now the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians at the congregation's mother house in Piacenza, Emilia-Romagna, at age 11. He left the seminary for military service during World War I, returned to complete his studies, was ordained in 1924, and left for the United States in 1925. He served in parishes in Chicago, Illinois, including Our Lady of Pompei, where he worked from 1932 to 1947 and at Sacred Heart in Cincinnati, Ohio. In a first for the congregation, he served as Provincial Superior of the Saint John the Baptist province in the western United States and, immediately thereafter, in the same role in the Saint Charles, or eastern province. During his time in the latter role he was instrumental in acquiring the former Flagg estate on Staten Island for the province, which used it for a seminary and then as the headquarters of the Center for Migration Studies. During the 1950s and 1960s he served in various parishes in the Saint Charles province, including Saint Anthony of Padua in Buffalo, New York, and Sacred Heart in Boston's North End. He retired to the Scalabrinians' Villa Rosa nursing home in 1977. In early 1986 he returned to Italy, and died at the Scalabrinians' General House in Rome July 15, 1986.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.066 documents, via correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs and printed ephemera, the career of Father Remigio Pigato from his arrival at the seminary of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians at the age of 11 to his death in Rome in 1986.

The correspondence documents the end of Father Piago's life, from his retirement to Villa Rosa, a nursing home run by his religious congregation, the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, in Mitchellville, Maryland, in 1977 to his relocation to the congregation's headquarters in Rome in 1986 to his death later that year.

Miscellaneous documents cover events at various points in Father Pigato's life such as his birth and naturalization. Two passports, one from the Kingdom of Italy in 1925 and the second from the United States of America in 1961, create a chronology of his international travels. There is also a small collection of prayer cards, which may help to identify relatives, friends, and close associates.

Father Pigato's photograph collection are especially useful for the beginning and end of his life with the Scalabrinians. His black-and-white photographs cover his early years in the seminary and also ceremonies and celebrations in conjunction with milestone anniversaries in the 1970s and 1980s.

A collection of about a dozen Italian- and English-language clippings on religious topics round out the collection.

Arrangement note

CMS.066 is arranged in four Series:

Series I: Letters Received

Series II: Miscellaneous Documents

Series III: Photographs

Series IV: News Clippings

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

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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 received the contents of CMS.066 upon the transfer of Father Remigio Pigato from the Villa Rosa Nursing Home in Mitchellville, Maryland, and his death in Rome July 15, 1986.

Processing Information note

Nicholas J. Falco processed CMS.066 in April 1987 and prepared the original finding aid. In 2017 Mary Brown prepared a finding aid in Archivists' Toolkit using the methodology in Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.049, Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, Buffalo, New York, Records. Father Pigato served in this church.

CMS.063, Church of the Sacred Heart, Boston, Massachusetts, Records. Father Pigato served in this church.

CMS.073, Pio Parolin, c.s, Papers. Father Pigato has a letter to Father Pio Parolin in his collection.

CMS.078 and its addendums, Province of Saint Charles, Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians Records. Father Pigato was provincial of the community in the late 1940s, and some records of his work are found in this collection.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Personal Name(s)

- Pigato, Remigio, c.s., 1900-1986

Subject(s)

- Italian Americans |x Religion

- Priests |z United States.

Other Finding Aids note

A copy of the original print finding aid is available on request.

Series I: Letters Received

Collection Inventory

Series I: Letters Received		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence. 1976	1	1
Correspondence. 1977	1	2
Correspondence. 1978	1	3
Correspondence. 1979	1	4
Correspondence. circa 1976-1979	1	1979
Correspondence. 1980	1	6
Correspondence. 1981	1	7
Correspondence. 1982	1	8
Correspondence. 1983	1	9
Correspondence. 1984	2	10
Correspondence. 1985	2	11

Series II: Miscellaneous Documents.

Correspondence. 1986	2	12
Correspondence. circa 1980-1986	2	13
Donation acknowledgements. undated	2	14

Series II: Miscellaneous Documents. 1900-1967**Scope and Contents note**

Among the documents in this collection is father Pigato's 1900 birth certificate, his 1925 Italian passport, his 1932 naturalization papers, a 1945 multi-lingual questionnaire to aid priests hearing confessions, his 1961 U.S. passport, prayer and memorial cards and an undated letter to confrere Pio Parolin, c.s.

Italian passport. 1925

Series III: Photographs. 1920-1979**Scope and Contents note**

Series III contains about fifty photographs. About a dozen were taken in Italy in the early twentieth century and show groups of seminaries. The remainder were taken in the 1970s and 1980s. Some of these were also taken in Italy and depict Father Pigato with his family. Others were taken in the United States and depict the neighborhood around the Church of the Sacred Heart in the North End of Boston, and Father Pigato and his confreres.

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings. 19680-1981**Scope and Contents note**

Series IV: Newspaper Clippings.

Series IV contains a dozen English- and Italian-language newspaper clippings on religious topics.