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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Title	Scalabrinians Record on Canadian Churches
Date [inclusive]	1956-1984
Extent	2.5 Linear feet 5 document boxes
Location note	CMS.058 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	The materials in CMS.058 are in English with some Italian and some French.
Abstract	CMS.058 comprises ephemera documenting activities at eight Canadian Roman Catholic parishes that at some point between 1956 and 1984 ministered to Italian-speaking congregations. Although the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians staffed each of the parishes at some time, some records in the collections pre-date the Scalabrinians' assignment to the parish.

Preferred Citation note

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Scope and Contents note

CMS.058 is an artificial collection with roots in a request by the Rev. Silvano M. Tomasi, c.s., who was then the Provincial Superior of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, a congregation of male religious founded to minister to migrants. Most of the members were priests who worked in parishes. Tomasi called on the men to send to the newly established Center for Migration Studies historic material from the parishes at which they worked. Some men were able to send only a little material from their parishes, and archivist Nicholas J. Falco grouped those mini-collections geographically, creating this collectin of small deposits from eight different parishes in Canada.

Along with their Canadian location, the parishes also share in common that the Scalabrinians staffed them because they had Italian-speaking parishioners. Much of the material, though is in English, reflecting the rapid assimilation of the Italians and the fact that many materials were printed to share with a larger audience.

Aside from these two factors, the parishes are diverse. The Mission of the Annunciation was a mission, dependent on a legally established parish; the other seven are legally established parishes. Annunciation is also in Quebec; the other seven are in Ontario. Two of the seven in Ontario are in Hamilton; the others are in other small towns. The Scalabrinians came to the parishes of Saint Augustine, Saint Angela Merici and Saint Peter when their linguistic services were needed; the other five were parishes Scalabrinians founded. The parishes also drew their parishioners from different local economies (Hamilton, for example, was a mining area), and may have drawn them from different parts of Italy.

The parishes also deposited different types of items. Some sent only material from before the arrival of the Scalabrinians; othes document Scalabrinian activity at the parish. Seven of the eight parishes sent souvenir journals. One sent sound recordings, another a poster advertising church activiites. The remaining list of items deposited consists of newspaper clippings, printed ephemera such as programs or fundraising brochures, miscellaneous church bulletins, and photographs. Thus, the collection does not allow an extensive picture of any one parish. however, it does provides snapshots of Italo-Canadian life in different communities at different times, and, taken together, supports some generalizations about the province- and nation-wide Italo-Canadian community.

Arrangement note

CMS.058 is arranged into eight Series, one for each parish with records in the collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies February 1987

Revision Description

Mary Brown entered the finding aid for CMS.058 into Archivists' Toolkit using the rules in "Describing Archives: A Content Standard" 23 June 2017

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The Scalabrinians assigned to the parishes represented in CMS.058 sent the materials in the collection to their provincial superiors or to CMS directly, which then gathered them into this collection.

Processing Information note

Nicholas J. Falco processed CMS.058, completing the work in February 1987.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.057, Saint Maria Goretti (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) Records

CMS.058, Our Lady of Pompeii (Montreal, Canada) Records

078C, Saint Charles Province, Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians Records

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Geographic Name(s)

- Italians |z Canada
- Ontario
- Québec (Province)

Subject(s)

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church
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Other Finding Aids note

A paper copy of an earlier finding aid for CMS.058 is available at the Center for Migration Studies.

I Saint Anthony of Padua, Hamilton, Ontario

Collection Inventory

<p>I Saint Anthony of Padua, Hamilton, Ontario 1954-1979</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Scalabrinians priests founded the Church of Saint Anthony in 1910. This Series consists of a program from the church's 1954 cornerstone-laying ceremony; a January 25, 1976, church bulletin; a 1977 poster advertising the Feast of Saint Anthony; and a 1979 souvenir journal marking the church building's twenty-fifth anniversary.</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>II Saint Augustine, Harstone, Ontario 1965</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Saint Augustine was founded in 1910. This Series consists of one item, a souvenir journal marking the church's fiftieth anniversary in 1965, before the Scalabrinians' arrival.</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>III Our Lady of All Souls, Hamilton, Ontario 1967-1972</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p> <p>Scalabrinians founded Our Lady of All Souls in 1922. This Series consists of a 1967 church history published in conjunction with the Canadian centennial, a 1971 article from "Human Relations" magazine, and a 1972 history marking the parish's fiftieth anniversary. There are also three photographs, undated but probably from the late 1960s: two depict actors in a parish play and the third the congregation leaving the church after a celebration.</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>IV Saint Angela Merici, Windsor, Ontario 1956-1960</p> <p>Scope and Contents note</p>	<p>Box 1</p>

V Saint Peter, Sarnia, Ontario

Monsignor Constantino De Santis founded Saint Angela Merici in 1939. Scalabrinian priests began to staff the parish after 1960. This Series consists of a 1956 church history and souvenir journal, a 1959 fundraising brochure, a 1960 program for Father De Santis's fiftieth anniversary testimonial dinner, three sound recordings of church music (two by Saint Angela's choir and one by another Italo-Canadian choral group), and an undated Italian-language application form for the Holy Name Society.

V Saint Peter, Sarnia, Ontario 1959**Box**
1**Scope and Contents note**

Saint Peter was founded in 1949. The one item in this Series is a 1959 tenth-anniversary fundraising brochure, published before the Scalabrinians' arrival in the parish.

VI Catherine of Siena, Cooksville, Ontario 1961-1984**Box**
2-4**Scope and Contents note**

Scalabrini Fathers founded Saint Catherine of Siena in 1956. This Series consists of 1961 and 1981 church histories, a 1966 Christmas Mass schedule, and bulletins for 1964-1974, some of 1977 and all of 1984.

VII Saint Paschal Baylon, Willowdale, Ontario 1960-1976**Box**
5**Scope and Contents note**

Scalabrini Fathers founded Saint Paschal Baylon in 1957. This Series consists of a 1961 souvenir of the first anniversary of the church building, a 1967 parish history, a 1972 Italian-language newspaper clipping, two copies of the 1976 August/ September church bulletin, an undated leaflet on procedures for those planning weddings, and an undated report on church activities.

VIII Mission of the Annunciation, Lachine, Quebec 1965-1973**Box**
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VIII Mission of the Annunciation, Lachine, Quebec

Scope and Contents note

The Scalabrinians founded the Mission of the Annunciation in 1963. This Series consists of a September 10, 1965, report from Scalabrini Father Giulivo Tessarolo to the Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal regarding mission activities, seventeen photographs from the late 1960s or early 1970s depicting an outdoor procession honoring the Blessed Mother, bulletins for the months of March, April, and May, in 1973, and a church history, also for 1973.