

**United States Catholic Conference, Migration
and Refugee Services, Offices of the
Apostleship of the Sea Records Addendum
CMS.032C**

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator	Apostleship of the Sea.
Title	United States Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, Offices of the Apostleship of the Sea Records Addendum
Date	1963-2001
Extent	3.5 Linear feet in 7 document boxes
Location note	CMS 032C is housed at 307 East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	CMS032C contains some materials in French, Italian, and Spanish.
Abstract	CMS032C preserves records from the late twentieth and early twenty-first century operations of the United States Catholic Conference Office of the Apostleship of the Sea, most of them generated under the tenure of Director (and Deacon) Robert Balderas. The records include correspondence, conference programs and proceedings, financial statements, publications, and training materials generated by and received by the office. The collection documents the many Christian organizations the Apostleship of the Sea worked with, in the United States, at the Vatican, and around the world. The pastoral care the agency provided extended to the many secular issues affecting the welfare of those in the merchant marine and fishing industries.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; United States Catholic Conference, Migration and Refugee Services, Offices of the Apostleship of the Sea Records Addendum (032C); Box; Folder.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.032 continues a tradition begun in the 1970s whereby CMS serves as the repository for the records of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Apostolate of the Sea, the American version of a worldwide ministry.

This particular deposit differs from earlier ones in its emphasis. Earlier collections focused on the relations between the Apostolate of the Sea office in Washington and the many maritime ministries in ports across the United States and its territories. In this despoit, that relationship generates only a half a document box of annual reports and several folders on the training of maritime ministers at a chaplain school in Houston. Much of the focus has shifted to the agencies with which the USCCB AOS collaborated.

It is not entirely accurate to claim the USCCB AOS reported to the Vatican's ministry for mariners and fisher folk, Apostolatus Maris. However, the USCCB AOS took guidance from the Catholic social teaching promulgated at Vatican Apostolatus Maris meetings. Relations between the USCCB AOS and other Christian maritime ministries were more more straightforwardly collaborationist. Deacon Robert Balderas attended those meetings as a representative of his agency, and heard about the issues other agencies encountered in their ministries and how they addressed these issues.

This deposit continues to reflect how broadly those in the maritime ministry construed their mssion. A portion of their time and energy went to providing the tools of pastoral care such as ephemeral pastoral publications interpreting scripture and providing text for devotional rituals. It is impossible to say how effective this sort of patsoral outreach was. It does, though, document a certain use of biblical and early Christian texts. The authors of these devotional treatises mined Scripture for its many references to seafarers' work and to the relationship between Jesus Christ and the fishing community around the Sea of Galilee, and built up a theology that made these communities, marginalized in their own societies, central metaphors for understanding the Christian message.

The Apostleship of the Sea also took to heart the Vincentian teaching that Christian charity is the best gospel. Meetings of the organizations generated reports on labor exploitation, and some of the earliest notices of the impact of climate change on the world's waterways and the people who draw their livings from fishing and tourism. Thus, a collection devoted to the Apostleship of the Sea has relevance for anyone studying evangelization methods and social justice issues.

Arrangement note

CMS 032Cis arranged in alphabetical order.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Center for Migration Studies 12 July 2019

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

Conditions Governing Use note

The Center for Migration Studies may not own the copyright to all items in CMS.032C. It is incumbent upon the researcher to clear copyright for publication.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The United States Catholic Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea, headquartered in Washington, D.C., deposited the records comprising CMS.032C with the Center for Migration Studies sometime before 2005.

Processing Information note

In 2012, when the Center for Migration Studies moved from its original home at 209 Flagg Place on Staten Island, Mary Brown transferred the materials comprising CMS.032C from the bankers boxes in which they had arrived to document boxes. Until 2014, the boxes were stored at the Provincial House of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians (of which CMS is a mission) at 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014; at that point they were moved to their present location. In April 2019, Mary Brown and volunteer Mary T. Sanders opened the boxes, weeded duplicates, arranged the contents in alphabetical order, transferred the files from their original folders to archival folders, labeled the folders, placed them back in the box in their new order, labeled the boxes, scanned the two photos in the collection, and prepared this finding aid.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Center for Migration Studies 032, 023A, and 023B contain earlier deposits of papers from this agency.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- United States Catholic Conference.

Geographic Name(s)

- Sailors |z United States.

Occupation(s)

- Chaplains |x Catholic Church.
- Chaplains |x Training of.

Subject(s)

- Sailors |x Religious life.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

CMS 032C Box 4 Folder 6 contains one 3.5 floppy disc requiring a special drive in order to be read by a computer.

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Annual Reports 1992	1	1
Scope and Contents note		
These folders contain the forms that port chaplains across the United States filled out and submitted as annual reports during the time period covered.		
Annual Reports (one photograph) 1994	1	2
Annual Reports 1996	1	3
Annual Reports 1998	1	4
Annual Reports 1999	1	5
Apostolatus Maris. Australia Office. Fostering Christian life Undated	1	6
Apostolatus Maris. Correspondence 1996-1999	1	7
Apostolatus Maris. Meeting. Helsinki June 1994	1	8
Apostolatus Maris. Meeting. Nassau December 1994	2	1
Apostolatus Maris. Meeting. Rome 1995	2	2

Apostolatus Maris. Meeting. Rome 1996	2	3
Apostolatus Maris. World Congress (XIX). Houston 8-13 October 1992	2	4
Apostolatus Maris. World Congress (XX). Davao City, Phillipines (one photograph) 1997	2	5
Cataphesis 1985, Undated	2	6
Center For Migration Studies. Correspondence 2001-2005	2	7
Scope and Contents note		
The "Center for Migration Studies" folder contains correspondence between Director of the Library and Archives Diana J. Zimmerman, her assistant, Maria Del Giudice, and staff at the USCCB AOS regarding the deposit of records in the years covered.		
Certificates 1989-1997	3	1
Comite' Catholique Contra la Faim, pour le Developpment 1968-1997, Undated	3	2
Congressional Hearings 1991-1995	3	3
Correspondence 1986-1999	3	4
Gulf Coast Conference 1995	3	5

Gulf Coast Conference 1996	3	6
Houston Chaplain School 1995	3	7
Houston Chaplain School 1996	3	8
Houston Chaplain School 1997	4	1
Houston Chaplain School 1998	4	2
Houston Chaplain School 1999	4	3
International Association for the Study of Maritime Mission Undated	4	4
International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare. Chile 1997	4	5
Investigations Undated	4	6
Scope and Contents note		
<p>The "Investigations" file contains three reports: "Treatment of Filipiono Sailors in a Galveston, Texas, Walmart," March 9, 1993; "Filipino Seafarers Stranded in Mexico Aboard the Abandoned Ship Cyclone," 1993; and Karen Lai, "Filipino Seafarers Imprisoned in Egypt, 1989: 'The Truth Will Prevail,'" December 7, 1994. Miscellandous documentation accompany the reports. Karen Lai's report is preserved in hard copy and on a 3.5 floppy disc.</p>		
Miscellaneous 1988-1989	4	7

Scope and Contents note

The "Miscellaneous" folder contains a copy of the National Catholic Conference for Seafarers Constitution and by-laws, lists of board members, an organizational chart from 1988-1990, and correspondence about membership.

National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Agendae 1996-1999	5	1
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Scope and Contents note

The National Catholic Conference was the name the U.S. Catholic Conference using during the 1980s and 1990s.

National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Brochures 1987	5	2
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National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Correspondence 1995-2000	5	3
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National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Financial Statements 1984-1995	5	4
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National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Honorary Membership 1984-1990	5	5
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National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Job Descriptions 1999	5	6
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National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Meeting. Green Bay 6-8 October 1977	5	7
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National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Membership Lists 1996-1997, Undated	5	8
National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Minutes 1996-2000, Undated	5	9
National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Miscellaneous Undated	5	10
National Catholic Conference for Seafarers. Treasurer 1994-2000	5	11
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Board Meeting 10-12 January 1997	5	12
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Board Meeting 17 May 1997	5	13
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Board Meeting 9-10 January 1998	5	14
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Board Meeting 22-23 January 1999	5	15
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Board Meeting 22 June 1999	6	1
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Board Meeting 18-19 February 2000	6	2
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Clippings 1994	6	3

North American Maritime Ministry Association. Conference. Baltimore 1996	6	4
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Conference. Houston 1997	6	5
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Conference. Halifax 1998	6	6
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Conference. Seattle 1999	6	7
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Conference. Fort Lauderdale 2000	6	8
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Correspondence 1991-1998	6	9
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Mission Statement 1990	6	10
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Newsletter 1992-1998	6	11
North American Maritime Ministry Association. Nominating Committee 1992-1996	7	1
Seamen's Church Institute. Workshop on Seafarer's Rights 19 February 1994	7	2
Surveys 1995-1996	7	3

Scope and Contents note

The "Survey" folder contains responses to the following surveys: 1) a November 22, 1995, one-page, two-sided, questionnaire requesting input for a report that Deacon Bob Balderas was preparing for an upcoming AOS international meeting in Rome; 2) a May 29, 1996, two-page, one-sided questionnaire about the organization of the Apostleship of the Sea and about the attention paid to fishing communities.

United Seamen's Service. Annual Meeting 1999-2000	7	4
United States Catholic Conference. Certification 1994-2000	7	5
United States Catholic Conference. Conference Calls 1990-1991	7	6