

# **James Abbarno, c.s. Papers**

## **CMS.076**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Title</b>	James Abbarno, c.s., Papers
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1969
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1968-1972
<b>Extent</b>	2.5 Linear feet Two bankers' boxes and one document box
<b>Location note</b>	CMS.076 is housed at the Provincial House of the Province of Saint Charles, Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, 27 Carmine Street, New York, New York 10014.
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	CMS.076 is in English and Italian.
<b>Abstract</b>	CMS.076 documents the work of the Rev. James Abbarno, c.s., on a committee of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, the congregation of male religious to which he belonged, created in 1969 to develop a Scalabrinian response to Vatican II and to changes in the congregation's historic ministry in the field of human international migration.
<b>Abstract</b>	CMS.076 consists of three boxes with 36 folders, arranged in no particular order.

### Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; James Abbarno,c.s., Papers (CMS .076); Box; Folder.

## Scope and Contents note

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CMS.076 documents the participation of the Rev. James Abbarno, c.s., in a committee designed to respond to Vatican II. He was placed on the committee because he was a member of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, a congregation of male religious organized in Italy in 1887 to minister to migrants in transit and in their new homes. In 1969, the Scalabrinians began to organize a response to both the Second Vatican Council and to changes in immigration worldwide. Part of the response was to organize a committee to survey the members of the congregation, gather other data on the congregation and its mission, and write reports that would be used to draft a new constitution for the congregation and to update its policies and procedures. The committee was organized by selecting three men from each of the Scalabrinian provinces: by 1969 the Scalabrinians were a global community with priests around the world, each answering to a local provincial superior who in turn answered to a general superior in Rome. Father Abbarno was one of three men selected from the Province of Saint Charles, which covers the eastern part of Canada, the United States, and South America down to the northern border of Brazil.

Father Abbarno apparently created folders each time a new topic was introduced to this committee; the result is a series of 36 folders with titles that reflect different subjects, some with Italian titles and some with English titles, that are not in alphabetical or chronological order. The contents of the folders vary. Some are copies of surveys of the men in the Saint Charles Province; because many men in this province worked with Italian immigrants and because the province covers several countries, different languages appear in the surveys. Other folders contain minutes of meetings among the committee members or reports generated by them; as the Scalabrinians were an international order that used various languages in daily life, these papers could be in English, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish.

CMS.076 covers three topics in particular: the evolution of a Catholic religious order, the response to Vatican II, and the understanding of immigration at a particular point in time.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers by appointment.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

Copyright is owned by Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles/Scalabrinians. Permission to publish materials must be requested before use. Names in the records cannot be published.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

The records came directly from the Church of Our Lady of Pompei, 25 Carmine Street, New York, New York, 10014, in 1987.

### **Processing Information note**

In 2015, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. (The original finding aid is available in print upon request).

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Scalabarinians.

### **Subject(s)**

- Vatican Council (2nd : 1962-1965 : Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano)

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## **Other Finding Aids note**

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The original inventory is available in print upon request.

## Collection Inventory

Inchiesta Precapitolare -- Sommario delle Proposte per il Capitalo Generale Speciale 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	1

Report on Voting of Saint Charles Province Concerning Proposals for the Special General Chapter (includes a questionnaire which has been completed). 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	2

Translation of Constitutional Preamble.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	3

Proceedings of the All-Province Pre-Chapter Study Days. 20-23 May 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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Mixed materials	1	4
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## Western Province Reports, etc. 1968-1970

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	5

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## Formazione Scalabrinia. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	6

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## Il Patrimonio Costituzionale. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	7

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## Compendio della Consultazione Intercapitolare sul Progetto delle Costituzioni e del Direttorio. 1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	8

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## Apostolato Scalabriniano. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	9

Natura a Missione della Congregazione Scalabriniana. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	10

Governo e Amministrazione della Congregazione Scalabriniana. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	11

Relazione della Commissione Intercapitolare Presentata alla Seconda Fase del Capitolare Presenta alla Seconda Fase del Capitolo Ordinario e Speciale. 1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	12

Ordine di Procedura per la Seconda Fase del Capitolo Generale Ordinario e Speciale della Congregazione Scalabriniana. 1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
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Mixed materials	1	13
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Commissioner Intercapitolare - Schemi Capitolare sulla Natura e Missioni (Vol 1); Progetto delle Nuove Costituzioni (Vol. II and Vol. IV); Schemi Capitolare sulla Formazione sul Governo (Vol. III).

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	14

Bollettino d'Informazione and Bollettino d'Informazione (new series). 1969 - 1972

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	15

Primo Convegno Generale sulla Fondazione. 1970-1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	1	16

Proposals, etc, gathered together under the subjects of Administration, Apostolato, Formazione, Governo, Vita Religiosa, and Fine. 1970-1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	17

Newsletter of the Province of Saint Charles enclosing data relevant to the special General Chapter and giving some information concerning results. 16 February 1972

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	18

Second phase reports, etc., grouped geographically as follows: Latin America, Italy, England, Other European Countries, North America and Australia, Micellaneous. 1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	19

Preambolo.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	20

Progetta di Direttoria Generale per il Seminario Maggiore. 1969,1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	21

Summary Report of Pre-Capitolar Inquiry. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	22

San Cosimato - Opinions, etc. regarding the feasibility of building San Cosimato, a seminary in Rome. 1971

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	23

Provincial Directory - Letter and draft regarding a directory for the Province of Saint Charles.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	24

Pre Chapter Information - Form letters, agenda, etc., sent to chapter delegates. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	25

Delegates - Brief biographical sketches of the delegates to the Special Chapter Meeting. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	26

## Scalabrini Brothers - Survey, resolutions, and minutes of meeting regarding brothers of the Order. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	27

## Norma di Procedura per il Capitolo Generale Ordinario e Speciale. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	28

## Agenda for several meetings. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	29

## Orientation Information and Diary. 1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	30

## Articles.

## Immigration

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	2	31

Seminary Training. 1969, 1972

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	3	32

Micellaneous Notes maintained by Father Abbarno.

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	3	33

<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
	3	34

Letter of Appointment to Father Abbarno as delegate; and related items. 1968-1969

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Mixed materials	3	35

Miscellaneous Items - Includes such diverse items as a prayer card, an election ballot; several letters and memoranda.

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**Immigration**

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Mixed materials

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