

Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Center for Migration Studies
Creator - Donor	Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione, Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione
Title	Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione Papers
Date [inclusive]	1889-1971
Extent	0.3 Linear feet 1 half-size document box
Location note	CMS.096 is at the Center for Migration Studies, 307 East 60th Street, Third Floor, New York, New York, 10022.
Language	English
Language of Materials note	CMS.096 is in English with some Italian.
Abstract	CMS 096 documents the life and work of the Rev. Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione, with particular attention to his work among Italian immigrants in the Deep South.

Preferred Citation note

Center for Migration Studies of New York; Collection Name (cms.096); Box 1; Folder.

Biographical/Historical note

Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione was born in Saint John the Baptist parish, the town of Mandamento, Turin, 15 May 1831, the third child and third son of Davide Chiariglione and his wife Teresa Magnetti. He was baptized the next day. He had an early interest in the mission field, and few ties to home; his mother died 13 August 1845, and his father 8 October 1854. After traveling in Eastern Europe, where he witnessed a portion of the Crimean War, he studied for the priesthood with Don Bosco in Turin and was ordained in 1865. During 1866-1867, he served in Genoa. Chiariglione claimed to have been a missionary to Palestine from 1867-1877, and expressed an early interest in preaching to Italian immigrants in America. On 20 November 1889, he made his first five-year vows as a member of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, and boarded the *Lega Lombarda* for New York.

Chiariglione's colleague, Giacomo Gambera, documented the next few years. The pair left New York via railroad for New Orleans 16 December 1889. Their work received a severe blow 14 March 1891, when eleven Italians were lynched in an incident at the city's jail. Demoralized, Chiariglione left the New Orleans mission. During the early 1890s, Chiariglione's documents place him at Sacred Heart parish, Cincinnati, Ohio, and at Hartford, Connecticut. Chiariglione was committed to the Scalabrinians; he renewed his five-year vows in 1894 and took perpetual vows at the first opportunity, in 1895. By 15 March 1897 he had arrived at Saint Joseph's Institute in Bristow, Virginia, and was writing to his local superior, Francesco Zaboglio, that he was starting his Southern mission. By October of that year he was in the Diocese of Mobile, which at that time comprised all of Alabama and the Florida panhandle. There he found his true calling.

Chiariglione moved to Saint Peter's Church in Montgomery, Alabama, which he used as a base for itinerant missions among Italian communities in Alabama and Florida. That same year, he made his first visit to Daphne, Alabama, where a parish had been founded in 189. By 1901, he was using Daphne as his base of operations. At that time, the parish was known as the Church of the Assumption; after 1946, the name was changed to Christ the King.

On September 8, 1898, Chiariglione's body was found seated on a log in a forested area near a road outside Daphne. At first, he was buried in front of his church, in 1940, his remains were relocated to a newly enlarged Italian cemetery and interred in a vault built by Mr. Agostino Guarisco, whose wedding Chiariglione had performed. In 1946, the parish he served built its first school, and dedicated it in his memory.

Scope and Contents note

CMS.096 gathers together an incomplete record of the career of Angelo Bartolomeo Chiariglione from his entrance into the Scalabrinians in 1889 to his death in 1908. The records consist primarily of

correspondence, in English and Italian, between Chiariglione and his superiors in the Scalabrinian community, and also with the Most Rev. Edward Patrick Allen, Bishop of the Diocese of Mobile from 1897 to 1926. The correspondence allows researchers to identify Chiariglione's whereabouts at precise points in time, and provides some idea of his pastoral activities and the circumstances under which he conducted them.

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged has one series of 35 folders
Series I:

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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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

CMS.096 came together from several sources. The first is the Scalabrinians' themselves; Chiariglione's records up until and including a 15 March 1897 letter to Francesco Zaboglio announcing the start of Chiariglione's southern mission, were preserved among the Scalabrini Fathers' records, either in Rome or at Our Lady of Pompei Church in New York City, and then at the provincial house of the Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians, from when they came to the Center for Migration Studies.

In 1970 the Scalabrinians got an opportunity to fill in Chiariglione's records. The Rev. Cesare Donanzan, c.s., then stationed at the Scalbrinians' Italian Seamen's Club in New York City, was visiting Rome when

he happened to meet Monsignor Oscar Lipscomb, then chancellor of the Diocese of Mobile. Donanzan took advantage of the meeting to inquire about Chiariglione. He obtained photocopies of the records Lipscomb and the Rev. Frances C. Murphy then pastor of Christ the King in Daphne, had available. He then traveled to Daphne to see Chiariglione's tomb and to meet with Agostino Guarisco, a layman whose wedding Chiariglione had performed and who had remained close to him. Donanzan sent his collection of materials to provincial superior Giuseppe Spigolon, for transmittal to Scalabrinian historian Mario Francesconi. Francesconi filed Donanzan's material with the document he already had on Chiariglione. In 1998, Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi brought a copy of Chiariglione's file to New York City, and on 4 October of that year Luio F. Tomasi transmitted the file to the archives.

Processing Information note

In 2015, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS and folder descriptions were simplified from the original print finding aid. (The original finding aid is available in print upon request). Folder titles in the container list online may vary from the the physical folder titles.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

CMS.069 Giacomo Gambera Papers. CMS.078 Saint Charles Province of the Society of Saint Charles-Scalabrinians Records

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scalabrinians.

Geographic Name(s)

- Italian Americans|z Montgomery|z Alabama
- New Orleans (La.) | z Religion

Subject(s)

- Church work with immigrants |z Catholic Church.
- Priests |z United States.

Other Finding Aids note

The original inventory is available in print upon request.

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