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Summary Information

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Location of Related Materials: Materials related to the early years of Cathedral College can be found in the John Cardinal Farley Collection and the Patrick Cardinal Hayes Collection. Information on plans to expand and move the College can be found in the Francis Cardinal Spellman Collection.

Historical Note

Cathedral College was opened in September 1903. The plans for the college were begun under Archbishop Michael Corrigan, who passed away before the school could be open. His successor, then-Archbishop John Farley, completed the necessary steps for the opening of the school, and appointed then-Msgr. Patrick Hayes as the school's first president. The original location of the school was on Madison Avenue and 51st Street, the site of the former Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, which had relocated to the Kingsbridge neighborhood of the Bronx. As Msgr. Hayes was also the chancellor of the diocese, the school building was also the home of the Chancery offices and the Propagation of the Faith. The school was a 6-year program, with a strong emphasis on vocation formation, with the end goal that the students would then move on to the archdiocese's major seminary at Dunwoodie. Although it was standard for students of minor seminary programs to board, Archbishop Farley did not think that was appropriate, and so students commuted daily.

By the 1940s, the school had outgrown its current location, and plans were made to move to 87th Street and West End Avenue. The first classes were held in the new location in September of 1942. Although the school had always had a preparatory department, it wasn't until 1968 that the preparatory and minor seminary programs were split. Due to declining enrollments and vocations, plans were made to move the Cathedral College out to the Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston, New York (on Long Island), where it would merge with the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. Cathedral Preparatory Seminary continued on as a free-standing, four-year high school program.

In 1989, Cathedral College at Douglaston closed. In 1992, Cathedral Prep moved from the West Side of Manhattan to Rye, New York, and in 1998 the Prep was converted from a four-year standalone high school program to a formation program. Students in the program attend other Catholic high schools while taking part in the formation aspects of Cathedral Prep.

Scope & Content Note

The bulk of this collection consists of material relating to the administration of Cathedral College and Cathedral Preparatory Schools, both pre-seminary programs within the Archdiocese of New York. The majority of the material was created by the school itself, either for in-house use or for publicity purposes, with the bulk of the material dating to the 1960s. There is not a lot of material on the formation of the school—for that, users might look to the John Cardinal Farley or Archbishop Michael Corrigan collections. The move of Cathedral College to Douglaston in 1968

is well-documented, including the split between Cathedral College and Cathedral Preparatory. The change of Cathedral Preparatory from a full-time school to a weekend formation program is not outlined in this collection; interested users may find material in the John Cardinal O'Connor Collection (open to researchers in 2025). Series V: Photographs contains photographs of every graduating class of the college from 1908 to 1968, with the exception of 1919, 1939, and 1943.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 6 series, all but one with subseries:

Series I: Administration

Subseries 1: Correspondence

Subseries 2: Reports

Series II: Academics

Subseries 1: Curriculum

Subseries 2: Student Handbooks

Series III: Events and Groups

Subseries 1: Events

Subseries 2: Alumni Association

Subseries 3: Anniversaries

Series IV: Publications

Subseries 1: The Chimes

Subseries 2: Newsletters and Other Publications

Subseries 3: Yearbooks

Series V: Photographs

Series VI: Cathedral Preparatory Seminary

Subseries 1: Administration

Subseries 2: Publications

Subseries 3: Photographs

The arrangement for the material was imposed during processing, as the Archives had collected the material over a number of years from a variety of sources, so there was no original order.

Administrative Information

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Processing Note: The arrangement for the entire collection was imposed during processing, as the collection was one that had been created in-house over a number of years. Once the order was established, material was placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Several of the graduation photos had been mounted on wood at some point, and the photos were impossible to remove without damaging them. The mounted photos were placed in an oversize box. Folder titles were assigned, as there were no pre-existing folder titles, and all metal fasteners were removed.

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Separated Materials: None.

Collection

Box Number	Folder Number	Description	Date Range
Series I: Administration			
<i>Subseries 1: Correspondence</i>			
1	1	Correspondence: Painting - To You, For a Mother (Vobis in Matrem)	1907 - 1953
1	2	Correspondence	1908 - 1918
1	3	Correspondence	1920 - 1929
1	4	Correspondence	1931 - 1934
1	5	Correspondence	1963 - 1964
1	6	Correspondence	1965 - 1966
1	7	Correspondence	1967
1	8	Correspondence: Move of Cathedral College to Douglaston, Long Island	1968
1	9	Correspondence	1969 - 1971
1	10	Correspondence	1975 - 1976
1	11	Correspondence	1978
1	12	Correspondence	1979
1	13	Correspondence	1980 - 1981
<i>Subseries 2: Reports</i>			
2	1	The Annual Report	1965
2	2	Proposed Recruitment Program	1967
2	3	Annual Report of the President	1970 - 1971
2	4	Annual Report of the President	1971 - 1972
2	5	Annual Report of the President	1972 - 1973
2	6	Annual Report of the President	1974 - 1975
2	7	Annual Report of the President	1978 - 1980
2	8	Annual Report of the President	1980 - 1985
Series II: Academics			
<i>Subseries 1: Curriculum</i>			
2	9	Library	1950 - 1969
2	10	Rules and Course Information	1953 - 1958
2	11	Curriculum Development	1960s
3	1	A Primer of Ecclesiastical Latin (Part 1)	1970s
3	2	A Primer of Ecclesiastical Latin (Part 2)	1970s
<i>Subseries 2: Student Handbooks</i>			
3	3	Bulletin	1940

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3	4	High School Student Handbook	1962 - 1966
3	5	Bulletin of Information	1965 - 1966
Series III: Events and Groups			
<i>Subseries I: Events</i>			
3	6	Commencement Programs	1917 - 1921
3	7	Event Programs	1919 - 1968
3	8	Commencement Programs	1939 - 1949
3	9	Commencement Programs	1950 - 1959
3	10	Commencement Programs	1960 - 1968
4	1	Drama Club	1917 - 1925
<i>Subseries 2: Alumni Association</i>			
4	2	Class of 1922	1922
4	3	Alumni History	1947
4	4	The Morgan Fraternity (Lay Alumni Group)	1949
4	5	Alumni Events	no date
<i>Subseries 3: Anniversaries</i>			
4	6	Silver Jubilee Invitation	1928
4	7	Silver Jubilee Luncheon	1928
4	8	Silver Jubilee Alumni Banquet	1928
4	9	Silver Jubilee Journal	1928
4	10	Golden Jubilee Alumni Banquet	1953
4	11	Golden Jubilee Field Day	1953
4	12	Golden Jubilee Invitation	1953
4	13	Golden Jubilee Journal	1953
4	14	Golden Jubilee Luncheon	1953
4	15	Golden Jubilee Week, Schedule of Events	1953
4	16	Golden Jubilee Showcase	1953
5	1	Diamond Jubilee Journal	1978
5	2	Diamond Jubilee Mass	1978
Series IV: Publications			
<i>Subseries 1: The Chimes</i>			
5	3	The Chimes	1914 - 1915
5	4	The Chimes	1925
5	5	The Chimes	1928
5	6	The Chimes	1938
5	7	The Chimes	1940
5	8	The Chimes	1942
5	9	The Chimes	1943
5	10	The Chimes	1944

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6	1	The Chimes	1945
6	2	The Chimes	1946
6	3	The Chimes	1947
6	4	The Chimes	1948
6	5	The Chimes	1949
6	6	The Chimes	1950
6	7	The Chimes	1953
6	8	The Chimes	1961
7	1	The Chimes	1967
<i>Subseries 2: Newsletters and Other Publications</i>			
7	2	The Red Book	1918
7	3	The Cathedralite	1930
7	4	The Cathedralite	1965 - 1969
7	5	The Cathedralite	1974 - 1975
7	6	The College Record (Alumni Newsletter)	1963 - 1965
7	7	The College Record (Alumni Newsletter)	1967 - 1968
7	8	Cathedral College Newsletter	1968 - 1969
7	9	Newspaper Clippings and Press Releases	1903 - 1968
<i>Subseries 3: Yearbooks</i>			
7	10	The Triptych	1932
7	11	The Triptych	1933
7	12	Loose Yearbook Pages	1950s
8	1	Reflection	1970
8	2	Reflection	1971
8	3	Reflection	1972
8	4	Reflection	1974
8	5	Reflection	1975
9	1	Reflection	1976
9	2	Reflection	1981
9	3	Reflection	1983
9	4	Reflection	1988
Series V: Photographs			
9	5	Buildings	no date
15	18	Buildings, People, and Events	no dates
10	9	Chapel at Christmas	1917
9	6	Student Life	1910s - 1970s
10	7	Students at Altar	
9	7	Sports	1960s
9	8	Special Events	no date

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15	19	Dinners and Ceremonies	1940s - 1950s
10	8	Farewell Dinner for Msgr. Hartigan	1947
9	9	Religious Events	no date
9	10	Portraits	no date
9	11	Large Scrapbook Pages, Outdoor Event	no date
10	1	Graduation Photos	1907 - 1909
10	2	Graduation Photos	1910 - 1912
15	1	Graduation Photos	1913
15	2	Graduation Photos	1914 - 1917
10	3	Graduation Photos	1918
10	4	Graduation Photos	1920
15	3	Graduation Photos	1921 - 1928
16		Graduation Photos	1927
16	4	Graduation Photos	1929 - 1931
16	5	Graduation Photos	1932
10	5	Graduation Photos	1933, 1935, 1936
16	6	Graduation Photos	1934
15		Graduation Photos	1937 - 1938
10	6	Graduation Photos	1940, 1944, 1948, 1949
15		Graduation Photos	1941 - 1942
16		Graduation Photos	1945, 1947
16	7	Graduation Photos	1946
16	8	Graduation Photos	1950 - 1959
16	9	Graduation Photos	1960 - 1962, 1964 - 1968
15	10	Graduation Photos	1963
16	11	Class Photos	1966 - 1967
16	12	Class Photos	1969 - 1970
16	13	Class Photos	1963 - 1964
16	14	Class Photos	1962 - 1963
15	15	Class Photos	1965 - 1966
15	16	Class Photos	1967 - 1968
15	17	Class Photos	1970 - 1971
15		Cathedral College Seal	
Series VI: Cathedral Preparatory Seminary			
<i>Subseries 1: Administration</i>			
11	1	Correspondence	1991

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11	2	Financial Statements and Reports	1975 - 1981
11	3	Report: Application and Enrollment at Cathedral Prep	1973
11	4	The Annual Report	1974 - 1976
11	5	The Annual Report	1977 - 1983
11	6	Brochures	1960s - 2000s
11	7	Commencement Programs	1967 - 1980
<i>Subseries 2: Publications</i>			
11	8	In Spem Ecclesiae, Cathedral Preparatory Handbook	1986
11	9	In Spem Ecclesiae, Cathedral Preparatory Handbook	1987
11	10	Witness (Yearbook)	1967
11	11	Witness (Yearbook)	1968
12	1	Witness (Yearbook)	1969
12	2	Witness (Yearbook)	1970
12	3	Witness (Yearbook)	1971
12	4	Witness (Yearbook)	1972
12	5	Witness (Yearbook)	1973
12	6	Witness (Yearbook)	1975
13	1	Witness (Yearbook)	1976
13	2	Witness (Yearbook)	1979
13	3	Witness (Yearbook)	1984
13	4	Witness (Yearbook)	1985
13	5	Witness (Yearbook)	1987
13	6	Witness (Yearbook)	1991
14	1	Witness (Yearbook)	1996
<i>Subseries 3: Photographs</i>			
14	2	Graduation Photos	1968 - 1981
14	3	Student / Class Photos	no date
14	4	Student Life	1980s - 1990s
14	5	Student Life	1980s - 2000s
14	6	Graduation Photos	1987 - 1997