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Record Group: MSS

Name of Collection: Rev. Charles J. Eberle, SJ (1899 – 1987) Papers

Record Group Number: MS EBERLE, CJ

Size of Collection: 2 boxes, 1 linear foot

Dates of Collection: 1918 - 1979

Historical Background:

Charles J. Eberle was born in Somerville, MA on February 1, 1899 to Philip and Catherine (Murtagh) Eberle. His early education was at Boston College High School before entering into the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1918 at Yonkers, NY. His juniorate was spent at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY from 1920 until 1922. He later studied Philosophy at Weston College in Weston, MA, from 1922-1924, and at Woodstock College, Woodstock, MD, from 1924-1925. For his regency, he then spent a year at Brooklyn Preparatory School, teaching fourth year students then two years at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA teaching freshmen. In 1928, he returned to Weston College to study Theology until 1932, where he also was ordained on June 16, 1931 by Bishop Thomas A. Emmet, SJ. He then went to the Highgate Parish in Jamaica from 1932 until 1935.

From 1935 until 1936, he did his Tertianship at St. Beuno's in Wales. He then returned to Jamaica, working first in Kingston. He took his final vows on February 9, 1937 and, in that same year, began work at Half Way Tree in Jamaica. His work there lasted until 1949, when he was transferred to Mandeville. He remained in Mandeville until 1953, when he was again transferred, this time to Saint Anne's Rectory, Percy Street, Kingston. In 1968, he went to Saint Jude's in Kingston. His final appointment in Jamaica was Saint Joseph's in Falmouth, spending one year there, 1975-1976, before he returned to Campion Center, formerly Weston College, in Weston, MA. Health and failing eyesight forced him to retire in 1981. On August 30, 1987, at the age of 88, Father Charles J. Eberle died in Needham, MA.

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A postscript on an assignment sheet reads “A kind, gentle and exemplary Jesuit, he was a fine host for gatherings of his brother Jesuits. Perhaps in the annals of the modern Church in Jamaica he will be remembered as one of its greatest builder of churches and schools, the ‘Duke’ of Jamaica.”

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of correspondence, newsletters, sermons, notes, retreat notes, and two oversize scrapbooks, mostly from the time he spent in Jamaica. It also contains an unpublished manuscript entitled “*Jesuit in England*” about his time in the United Kingdom.

See:

- RG 12 Audiovisual, Oversize Scrapbooks for the visual material.
- There are also photographs of Fr. Eberle in RG 12 Audiovisual: Photographs: Mission Personnel Series

Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

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Correspondence	1918-1977	1	1
Personal Writings	1924-1978	1	2
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Jamaica Newsletters	1934-1976	1	4
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Jamaica Newsletters – Half Way Tree	1937-1949	1	7
Novena – Sacred Heart	1937-1979	1	8
Three Hours [Agony]	1940	1	9
Novena of Grace	1947	1	10
Mandeville [Saint Luke's and Saint Anne's]	1950-1954	1	11
Historical Letters from Jamaica	1953-1968	1	12
Scraps from Saint Anne's [And Correspondence]	1953-1978	1	13
Unused Notes	1953-1987	2	1
Saint Jude's [Letters and Saint Anne's]	1953-1975	2	2
Saint Jude's [Notes and Correspondence]	1968-1977	2	3
Saint Jude's [Newsletters]	1968-1975	2	4
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