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**Record Group:** MSS

**Name of Collection:** Rev. Francis W. Anderson, SJ (1900 – 1974)

**Record Group Number:** MS ANDERSON, FW

**Size of Collection:** 11 boxes: 7-5” + 4-2.5” document boxes of papers = 4.5 linear feet of papers and 1-2.5” box of photographs

**Dates of Collection:** Inclusive: 1879-1974; Bulk: 1935-1970

**Historical Background:**

Francis William Anderson was born on June 4, 1900 in Charlestown MA to John and Mary J. (Harrington) Anderson. His primary education was completed at St. Francis de Sales Grammar School in Charlestown MA. He attended Boston College High School in Boston MA, graduating in 1918. On September 4, 1918, he entered into the Society of Jesus at Woodstock-on Hudson, Yonkers, NY where he completed his novitiate between 1918 and 1920. In 1920 he began his juniorate studies at St. Andrew-on-Hudson in Poughkeepsie, NY. After he completed his juniorate studies in 1922, he studied Philosophy at Weston College, Weston MA from 1922-1924. He completed his Philosophy studies at Woodstock College in Maryland during the academic year 1924-1925. In 1925 he began his regency, the first year teaching freshmen at Boston College and directing the Musical Club. The following two years of his regency were spent teaching seniors at Boston College High School. After completing his regency, in 1928, he studied Theology from 1928-1932. On June 16, 1931, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bp. Thomas A. Emmet, S.J. at Weston College.

From 1932 until 1934, Fr. Anderson taught Classics at Weston College. From 1934-1935, he completed his Tertianship studies at Tronchinennes, Belgium. From Belgium, Father went to Baghdad College in Iraq where he taught fourth year French and English from 1935-1940. He took his final vows in the Society on Feb. 2, 1936 in Baghdad. He also served as Minister of Community at Baghdad College from 1936-1937 and then Prefect of Studies from 1938-1939. While in Iraq, he studied Arabic. He was then assigned to Jerusalem from 1940-1946 to serve as Secretary to the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Arthur W. Hughes, and Director of Catholic Schools in Transjordan, which today includes the Golan Heights and Jordan.

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After a year's sabbatical, he became the Secretary of American Jesuits Overseas, Washington, D.C., in 1947, serving in the position until 1950. His last year in this office was spent in Rome. In 1950 he became a writer for "*Jesuit Missions*" magazine in New York. From 1953 until 1959, he was Procurator of Jesuit Missions of New England and from 1959 until 1963 he did pastoral work for Boston College at the St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Boston. From 1963 until 1972 his work took him again to the Jesuit Missions of New England Office, serving as Assistant Director from 1963 until 1965; then Director from 1965 until 1967. He then became Province Director of Missions, work which was not part of the Jesuit Missions of New England Office, and also served as Director of the St. Francis Xavier Chapel from 1969 until 1973. From 1969 until 1972 he was the Director of Services for Missions, a position that was part of the Jesuit Missions of New England Office. In 1973 he was appointed Assistant at St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Boston where he served until his death from a heart attack while vesting for Mass at the Chapel on May 25, 1974.

### Scope and Content:

The collection contains correspondence, diaries, personal and family papers, publications, reports, subject files, talks and writings. The correspondence includes letters to and from members of the Society of Jesus and other clergy, family members, acquaintances and government officials. The family letters are largely original letters mailed by Fr. Anderson to his mother and sisters. Many carbon copies of his letters to other correspondents are also included in the files. The diaries and reports are mostly from the time he spent in the Middle East. There are many subject files relating to Fr. Anderson's retreat and sodality work, as well as, the time spent at St. Francis Xavier Chapel in Boston, MA. The talks consist of lectures, mostly about the Middle East, and sermons or homilies given at St. Francis Xavier Chapel. There is a full run of the column "Come, Follow Me," written for Jesuit Missions Magazine between 1948 and 1953. The collection also includes a 2.5" box of portrait and group photographs, including photographs of the Apostolic Delegation to the Middle East in 1945 and photographs of Archbishop Arthur W. Hughes.

### See:

RG 12 Audiovisual, Photographs, Manuscript Collection Photos for photographs.

RG 11.1 Missions offices Records for papers related to Boston Mission Office work.

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<b>Correspondence</b>			
		5"	
Fathers Provincial	1935-1964	1	1
Fr. Provincial John J. McEleney, S.J. and James H. Dolan, S.J., re: Middle East	1945-1950	1	2
Fr. Provincial John J. McEleney, S.J.; Letter with reports from Fr. Frank Sargeant, S.J. re: Catholic Schools in Middle East	1947	1	3
Fr. Provincial William G. Guindon, S.J.	1968-1972	1	4
Fr. Richard T. Cleary, S.J., Provincial Designate	1973	1	5
Jesuit Superiors, re: Golden Jubilee	1968	1	6
Consultors Letters, St. Andrew House, 300 Newbury St., Boston, MA	1966-1971	1	7
Letters to <i>Jesuit Missions</i> magazine from Iran and Iraq	1949	1	8
Rev. Henri Ayrout, S.J., General Director, Coptic Catholic Schools, Cairo, Egypt, re: Missions of Egypt	1950s	1	9
Rev. John LaFarge, S.J. re: Menachem Beigen	1948	1	10
Rev. Edward F. Madaras, S.J., Rector, Baghdad College	1949-1952	1	11
Circular Letters from Fr. Francis Sarjeant, S.J. at Baghdad College	1941-1942	1	12
Archbishop Arthur W. Hughes, Apostolic Internuncio to Egypt	1946-1949	1	13
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, re: <i>Worldmission</i> [magazine]	1950-1952, 1973	1	14
Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing	1954-1966	1	15
Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., re: Cardinal Spellman	1955	1	16
Rev. James R. Roach, re: Christian-Muslim Relations	1968	1	17
Rev. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J.	1969-1970	1	18
Letters to Brother and Sisters: John A. Anderson, 1886-1936 Margaret (Peg) Anderson, 1891-1942 Agnes, 1894-1961	1930-1953	1	19
Letters to Mother: Mary J. (Harrington) Anderson, 1860-1940	1930-1940	1	20

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<b>Correspondence</b>			
		5"	
Grace Lu-Chi Chen, Tanglewood Music School Scholarship Student	1966	2	1
Letter from U.S. Representative, Barney Frank, re: Medical Procedures in hospitals, birth control	1973	2	2
U.S. Representative, John F. Kennedy, re: Menachem Beigin	1948	2	3
U.S. Senator, Francis J. Myers, re: Platform of 1948	1949	2	4
American Council for Judaism, Alfred N. Lilienthal, re: Menachem Beigin	1948-1954	2	5
Catholic War Veterans, re: Palestine	1948	2	6
NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews)	1948	2	7
Re: Cenacle	1948-1953	2	8
Re: Georgetown Lecture, Feb. 9, 1950	1947-1950	2	9
Re: Italian Sisters, Missionaries of Central Africa	1950	2	10
Re: Iran Project	1949	2	11
Re: Jubilee, 1968 [includes other materials]	1968	2	12
Re: Radio Talks	1952-1953	2	13
Re: Retreat Engagements	1947-1953, 1958, 1960	2	14
Re: Speaking Engagements	1948-1952	2	15
Re: Transjordan, 1939-1945	1939-1945	2	16
Re: United Nations Catholic Group	1952	2	17
Letters and Correspondence, pre-1940	1912, 1935-1936	2	18
Letters and Correspondence, 1940-1949	1940-1949	2	19
Letters and Correspondence, 1950	1950	2	20
Letters and Correspondence, 1951	1951	2	21
		5"	
Letters and Correspondence, 1952-1953	1952-1953	3	1
Letters and Correspondence, 1956, 1958-1959	1956, 1958-1959	3	2

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<b>Correspondence</b>			
Letters and Correspondence, 1960-1964	1960-1964	3	3
Letters and Correspondence, 1965-1968	1965-1968	3	4
Letters and Correspondence, 1970-1974	1970-1974	3	5
<b>Diaries</b>			
		5"	
Diary of trip to Baghdad, 1935	1935	4	1
Diary, 1939-1940	1939-1940	4	2
Diary, 1941, [includes personal correspondence log]	1941	4	3
Diary, 1942, [includes personal correspondence log]	1942	4	4
Diary, 1943	1943	4	5
Diary, 1946, ["Rome diary", May-June, laid in]	1946	4	6
Diary, Mission to Iran, Vol. 1 and 2, 1949	1949	4	7
Diary of Trip, Teheran-Rabriz-Rezayah, Sept. 15-27, 1949	1949	4	8
Retreat Diary, 1962	1962	4	9
<i>See RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records, Directors for additional diaries</i>			

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<b>Personal and Family Papers</b>			
		2.5"	
Accounts	1943-1945, 1950-1953	5	1
Address Book	1960, circa	5	2
Anniversaries of Family Births and Deaths	1961, after	5	3
Articles about Fr. Anderson in <i>Jesuit Missions Magazine</i>	1944, 1959	5	4
Biographical papers	1960, 1972	5	5
Certificates	1931-1949	5	6
Passports and Identification	1934-1956	5	7
Family Papers	1879-1974	5	8
Anderson Scholarship, in memory of Agnes L. Anderson [sister]	1962	5	9
<b>Publications</b>			
		2.5"	
<i>Palestine. Correspondence with the Palestine Arab Delegation and the Zionist Organisation, London</i>	1922	5	
<i>La Premiere Mission de la Compagnie de Jesus en Syrie, 1625-1774, Beyrouth</i>	1925	5	
<i>La Nouvelle Mission de la Compagnie de Jesus au Liban et en Syrie, 1831, Beyrouth</i>	1925	5	
<i>The Protocols</i>	1930, circa	5	10
<i>The Political History of Palestine Under British Administration, New York</i>	1947, circa	5	
<i>Report of the Anglo-American Committee of Enquiry regarding the Problems of European Jewry and Palestine, Lausanne, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1946, London</i>	1947, circa	5	
<i>The Arab Refugee Problem: How It Can Be Solved: Proposals, United Nations</i>	1951	5	
<i>The Palestine Refugees</i> by Fayez A. Sayegh, Washington, D.C.	1952	5	
<i>The Internationalization of Jerusalem</i> by Constantine Rackauskas, Washington, D.C.	1956, circa	5	

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<b>Reports</b>			
		2.5"	
Reports on Transjordan [Churches and Schools]	1938-1947	6	1
Report, Jesuit College in Teheran	1948	6	2
Reports on the Basra Project [Secondary School]	1949	6	3
Reports on the Iran Project	1949	6	4
Report, Teheran Project Report, Original to Fr. General, 2 copies	1949	6	5
Report on Iran—Salesians	1951	6	6
A Study of Christian Schools in Egypt [possibly by Fr. Anderson]	1958	6	7
<i>Report on Iraq—Christians</i>	1964, circa	6	8
<b>Retreats and Conferences</b>			
		5"	
Book List for Retreats	1960, circa	7	1
Catholic Daughters of America, Belmont	1974, Feb. 20	7	2
Novena of Grace		7	3
Retreat Conferences		7	4
Retreat, General	1938-1952	7	5
Retreats, Jesuits	1969-1973	7	6
Long Retreat, Nov. 4 – Dec. 8, 1934	1934	7	7
Notes from Long Retreat, Nov. 4 – Dec. 1, 1924, Notebook	1930s-1940s	7	8
Retreat Material	1930-60	7	9
Retreat Weekend	1950s	7	10
Day of Recollection	1950s	7	11
Priests' Day of Recollection [includes correspondence]	1960s	7	12
Triduum	1952	7	13



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<b>Sodalities and Other Groups</b>			
Sodality—Alumnae of the Sacred Heart	1952-1953	7	14
Campion Club, Holy Hour at Chapel of St. Francis Xavier [includes correspondence]	1961-1962	7	15
Caritas Christi Union [includes correspondence]	1959-1967	7	16
		5"	
Newman Club	1962	8	1
Priests' Sodality	1960s	8	2
Sherrill House [includes correspondence]	1970s	8	3
Sodality Conferences	1960-1961	8	4
Sodality of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Boston, MA / Boston College School of Social Work Group [Constitution and Reports]	1960	8	5
Sodality of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Boston, MA / Boston College School of Social Work Group [Meeting Notes]	1959-1963	8	6
Notes on Fr. Anderson's Sodalities [at Boston College]	1962	8	7
Sodality of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Boston College School of Social Work: Notes for Fr. John Kelly from notes of Fr. Anderson	1963	8	8
Sodality: School of Social Work [Varia]	1959-1963	8	9
Loyola Group, Boston College School of Social Work, History	1958-1963	8	10
Loyola Group, Boston College School of Social Work, Meeting Notes	1963	8	11
Loyola Group, Boston College School of Social Work, Retreats, 1959-1962	1959-1962	8	12
Loyola Group, Boston College School of Social Work, <i>Adult Sodality Training Program, The Queen's Work</i>	1958	8	13
Loyola Group, Boston College School of Social Work, <i>Directors Guide for Adult Sodality Training Program, The Queen's Work</i>	1958	8	14
<i>Challenge to Catholic Men</i> by Francis J. Curran, S.J., The Queen's Work	1960, circa	8	15

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<b>Subject Files</b>			
		5"	
Christology	n.d.	9	1
Archbishop Arthur W. Hughes, Apostolic Internuncio to Egypt	1945-1950	9	2
Vatican and Palestine	1946-1950	9	3
Terrorists—Menachem Beigin	1948	9	4
Meeting with CIA and State Department	1948, Nov.	9	5
Marriage and Family Counseling	1948-1968	9	6
Beirut: St. Joseph University, American University Beirut and Point 4 [U.S. Government Aid]	1951	9	7
SJ Defections	1970-1974	9	8
Spiritual Direction at St. Francis Xavier Chapel	1959-1963	9	9
St. Francis Xavier Chapel Affairs	1973	9	10
St. Andrew House Community Discussions [300 Newbury St., Boston, MA]	1967-1970	9	11
Loyola House [297 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA]	1973	9	12
Tronchiennes [Belgium] Varia	1934-1935	9	13
Middle East Varia	1941-1965	9	14
Varia	1935-1973	9	15

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<b>Talks, Lectures</b>			
		5"	
Speaking Engagements, 1948-1949	1948-1949	10	1
Church in the Middle East, Vatican Radio, May 1946, Fordham Radio, May 1951	1946, 1951	10	2
Oriental Churches	1947	10	3
Communion Breakfast Talks	1948-1953	10	4
Articles and/or Lectures on Middle East	1940s-1950s	10	5
Mission Forum, Middle East	1950s	10	6
Fordham Radio Interview [Re: Baghdad College]	1951	10	7
Xavier as a Student in Paris [Sacred Heart Radio Program]	1951	10	8
Radio Talk on Maggie's Magazine [Program]	1953	10	9
Catholic Associations for International Peace: "The Moslem Nations"	1955	10	10
The Queenship of Mary—Appropriate for our Time [Radio Talk]	1955	10	11
Radio Talks, Sacred Heart Program	1956	10	12
"Afar Unto the Gentiles"			
"Charity, A Pathway to Peace"			
"Matrimony"			
"Are Catholics Encouraged to Read the Bible"			
Sacred Heart Television Program: "The Rock of Divinely Infallible Teaching Authority: Papal Infallibility"	1956	10	13
Talk at [illegible] Institute ["The Rules We Live By"]	1956	10	14
Fontbonne, 2/21/1960 [Re: Middle East, Old Testament and Contemporary Customs]	1960	10	15
Talk at Rockville Center, Catholic Teachers	1960	10	16
Talk to Bellarmine Academy "The Angel of the Council"	1963	10	17
Radio Talk, "The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God"	1970	10	18

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<b>Talks, Religious</b>			
Lenten Sermons	1952	10	19
Eulogy for Bishop Thomas Feeney, S.J.	1955	10	20
		2.5"	
Chapel Talks [St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Boston, MA]	1950s-1960s	11	1
Chapel Homilies, 1972-1973 [St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Boston, MA]	1972-1973	11	2
Chapel Homilies, 1974 [St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Boston, MA]	1974	11	3
Retreat Meditations and Conferences—for Chapel Homilies	1940s-1960s	11	4
[Televised Mass and Sermon for Campion Club]	1969	11	5
<b>Writings</b>			
<i>Jesuit Missions</i> Magazine Column, "Come, Follow Me"	1948-1953	11	6
"Holy Places" for NCWC Column "The World Moves" Publication date May 5, 1948	1948	11	7
"Holy Places"—Letter to the New York Times, neither published or acknowledged	1948	11	8
"Baghdad Revisited" Published in The Sign, May 1951	1951	11	9
"Settling the Future of Jerusalem"	1949	11	10