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**Record Group:** MSS

**Name of Collection:** Rev. James Henry Barry, SJ (1911 – 2000)

**Record Group Number:** MS BARRY, JH

**Size of Collection:** 3 boxes: 2-5” + 1-2.5” document boxes of papers = 1.25 linear feet

**Dates of Collection:** Inclusive: 1945-1993; Bulk: 1970-1985

**Biographical:**

Born: September 8, 1911 Roxbury (Boston), MA  
Entered: July 30, 1929 Shadowbrook; Lenox, MA  
Ordained: June 22, 1940 Weston College (now Campion Center), Weston, MA  
Final Vows: August 15, 1946  
Died: January 4, 2000 Beth-Israel-Deaconess Hospital: Boston, MA  
Degrees: B.A., Philosophy, Boston College; M.A., Boston College.

1925-1929 Boston College High School, Boston, MA: Student  
1929-1933 Shadowbrook; Lenox, MA: Novitiate, Juniorate  
1933-1936 Weston College, Weston, MA: Philosophy  
1936-1937 Boston College High School, Boston, MA: Teaching 1st year  
1937-1941 Weston College, Weston, MA: Theology  
1941-1942 St. Robert's Hall, Pomfret Center, CT: Tertianship  
1942-1945 Fairfield Prep, Fairfield, CT: Teaching 1st year,  
1942-1950 Fairfield Prep, Fairfield, CT: Spiritual Counselor  
1945-1950 Fairfield Prep, Fairfield, CT: Teaching religion  
1950-1979 St. Teresa; Kingston, Jamaica, Pastor  
1953-1956 Archbishop's Residence: Jamaica Secretary to Archbishop and Chancellor of Diocese  
1956-1958 SS. Peter & Paul; Kingston, Jamaica: Pastor, Vice-Chancellor of Diocese  
1958-1964 Jamaica Mission: Superior  
1964-1966 St. Richard, Kingston, Jamaica: Pastor

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1966-1979 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica: Pastor  
1979-1982 New England Province Deferred Giving Office: Director  
1982-1995 Campion Center, Weston, MA:  
    1982-1989 Local Apostolate  
    1986-1995 Spiritual Director  
1995-2000 Campion Health Center, Weston, MA: Praying for the Society of Jesus and the Church.

James Henry Barry was born in the Roxbury section of Boston, the son of James H. and Caroline (Gately) Barry. He has two sisters and two brothers, one of whom, Paul, also became a Jesuit priest. He graduated from Boston College High School in 1929 and entered the Society at the "old" Shadowbrook the same year. After Philosophy at (also "the old") Weston College, he taught at Boston College High School for a year, returned to Weston for Theology and ordination, did Tertianship at Pomfret, CT, then in 1942 became one of the "Founding Fathers" at Fairfield Prep, also in CT. He taught there from 1942 to 1950, serving also as a spiritual director. In 1950 he went to the Jamaica Mission as pastor of a parish in Kingston for three years, then became Secretary to the then Bishop and Chancellor of the Kingston Diocese. From 1956 to '58 he was pastor of a major parish in the city and vice-chancellor of the Diocese. He was superior of the entire Jamaica Mission from 1958 to '64, then became pastor of parishes in Kingston and St. Ann's Bay until 1979. He built a new church at Ocho Rios during this time. He returned to Boston in 1979 to become Director of the Province's Deferred Giving program, and continued this work until 1982 when medical problems required him to relocate to Campion Center in Weston. He continued to be involved in pastoral work at parishes, nursing homes, and convents in the vicinity until declining health obliged him to cut back on outside activities. He continued to serve as a spiritual director in Campion Center until further health setbacks required that he enter the Health Center at Campion. Fr. Barry died in a Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at the age of 88. He is buried in the Jesuit Cemetery at Campion Center, Weston, MA.

### Scope and Content:

This collection of personal papers contains sermons, homilies, talks, retreats, prayers and some related published material related to his pastoral work.

**Access / Restrictions:** This collection is open to researchers.

### See:

RG 11.2 Records of the Jamaica Mission, Superior's Records, for Fr. Barry's papers as Superior of Mission.

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<b>Homilies, Retreats, Talks and other materials</b>			
[Homilies and Talks] Feast of Assumption Feast of Immaculate Conception Feast of All Saints Purgatory Feast of Christ, the King Homily on Vocations [letter from Cardinal Cushing] Our Lady of Lourdes Material on Nursing Profession Diamond Jubilee [not in folder] Varia [includes: Special Pro-Life Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year, Oct. 2, 1983 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Story of Mary Martin Other]	1954-1993	1	1
[Homilies and Prayers] May Day – Mother's Day May Crowning – Homily Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul Thanksgiving – Homily, Prayer and other material [Varia Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of St. Anne]	1967-1985	1	2
Lenten Course – Lenten Talk	1945, 1949	1	3
Good Friday – 7 Last Words	1940s	1	4
Holy Week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Easter Sunday	1949-1989	1	5

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[Homilies] Ascension Pentecost Trinity Sunday Feast of Solemnity of Corpus Christi <del>Feast of the Precious Blood</del> [this is crossed out, no papers included in file] Feast of the Sacred Heart	1968-1997	1	6
Sundays – Regular Time I to VII incl. [includes 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> ]	1968-1988	1	7
Sundays – Regular Time VIII to XVI incl.	1968-1993	2	1
Sundays – Regular Time XVII to XXIII incl.	1968-1993	2	2
Sundays – Regular Time XXX to XXXIV incl. [includes 30-33]	1972-1997	2	3
[Homilies and Talks] Mission Sunday Appeal Weddings [and Wedding Anniversaries] First Holy Communion All Souls – Remembrance Conference – St. Vincent de Paul Talk to Anglicans – Ecumenism [Varia: The Face of Christ Sister Emmanuel – Diamond Jubilee Mass]		2	4
[Sermon and Novena for St. Theresa, The Little Flower] Sermon on St. Theresa Novena in Honor of St. Theresa Article—Spirituality of the Spiritual Exercises [not in folder]	1950s	2	5

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<b>Homilies, Retreats, Talks and other materials</b>			
[Prayers and Varia] Various Blessings and Benedictions Letter [about health] in 1971 Summary of History of Catholic Church in Our Times Local Church – Jamaica, etc. Prayer for Labor Day Article “The Church We Want” by Carlos Alberto, P.P., Brazil Brochure—Our Lady of Fatima—OR [Ocho Rios] Events and Attitudes re: Jamaica, 1839-1976 [Reconciliation] Fr. Denis Tobin’s 50 <sup>th</sup> Falmouth, 1975	1970s	2	6
Retreat, Religious	n.d.	3	1
Retreat, High School		3	2
Jamaica – 7 Talks to Major Superiors of All Religious Women	1960	3	3
Graduation – Talks	1956-1964	3	4
[Radio Talks Radio Talk “Monthly Intention of the Apostleship of Prayer”, June 18, 1952 Radio Jamaica Sunday Evening Service, March 29, 1959]	1952, 1959	3	5
Talks – Misc.	1947-1964	3	6
Talks and Sermons – Misc.		3	7
Various Talks [Christmas and others]	1939-1963	3	8
[Folder with no label: Sacred Heart Program and Novena of Grace, Children’s Novena]	n.d.	3	9