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**Record Group:** MSS

**Name of Collection:** Rev. Johann K. Walchars, SJ (1912-1992) Manuscript Collection

**Record Group Number:** MS WALCHARS, JK

**Size of Collection:** 1 linear feet, 2-5" boxes of papers  
7 photograph albums and 1 scrapbook in 2-5" boxes + 1 OS box

**Dates of Collection:** 1940s-2002

**Biographical Sketch:**

Johann Karl Walchars was born on May 9, 1912 in Vienna, Austria, to Josef and Adele (Vogler) Walchars. He entered into the Society of Jesus on September 7, 1932 at St. Andra, Austria, where he completed his novitiate and juniorate from 1932 until 1936. From 1936 until 1940 he studied Philosophy at the Jesuit University at Innsbruck. He spent his regency, 1940-1941, at Kingsien, North China, where he taught Philosophy, before studying Theology in Shanghai, China. On the Feast of Pentecost in 1943, he was ordained a priest in Kingsien, China. In 1947, when political conditions in China began to deteriorate, he was transferred to the New England Province. With the exception of his Tertianship in Cleveland, Ohio (1947-1948), he served at Cranwell Preparatory School, Lenox, MA until the school closed in 1975. At Cranwell, he taught German, French, sociology, and he also moderated the Casino Club and the Mothers Club. When Cranwell closed, he was assigned to the Campion Center Jesuit Community in Weston, MA, and was engaged in retreat work and writing. During his life, he traveled the world giving retreats in the United States, Europe and New Zealand. He published several books on spirituality. He died on July 21, 1992 of an apparent heart attack, in Innsbruck, Austria. Fr. Walchars was buried in Austria where his immediate family lived.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection consists of the personal papers of Fr. Walchars, donated typed transcripts of retreats given by Fr. Walchars and three biographical books. The personal papers consist of correspondence, book contracts, certificates, and reviews. In 2008, two books about Fr. Walchars were added to this collection. In 2010, another book was added. In 2013, Barbara Mastrodomenico donated the typed transcripts of retreats she had attended and typed for Fr. Walchars. In 2014, additional retreat notes were transferred from Campion Center. At that time, duplicates of material already in the collection were discarded and 1 folder of retreat notes, 1976-1988 were added to the collection.

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**See:** RG 12, Audiovisual Collection, Individuals' Scrapbooks for his eight albums: personal photos, 1900s-1980s; 4 wedding albums, 1958 & 1970s; Iceland and Norway Trip, 1960; the Cranwell Award, 1973; and Clippings Scrapbook, 1946-1978. The wedding and Iceland and Norway trip albums appear to be family photos albums. One folder of photos of "Fr. Walchars' room at Campion Center" donated by Barbara Mastrodomenico are also included in with the albums.

**See:** New England Province Authors Collection for books written by Fr. Walchars:

*The Call From Beyond* (North Central Publishing Co., 1960)

*Resurrection of Values* (Crossroad Publishing, 1986) [2]

*Splendor and Shadow* (North Central Publishing, 1964)

*The Unfinished Mystery* (The Seabury Press, 1978) [2]

*Voices on Fire* (Crossroad Publishing, 1984) [2]

**See:** RG 10.3 Cranwell School, Objects for the Fr. Walchars Plaque and Medal.

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<b>Walchars, Johann K. 1912-1992</b>			
Biographical Information	n.d.	1	1
[Austrian Information]	n.d.	1	2
["Life With Father" Scrapbook]	n.d.	1	3
[Graymoor Certificate of Donation]	n.d.	1	4
[Perpetual Mass Association Certificate of Enrollment]	n.d.	1	5
[Glastonbury Mass Guild Certificate]	n.d.	1	6
[Notable American Plaque]	n.d.	1	7
["The Stillness of Bethlehem" Article by John Walchars, S.J.]	n.d.	1	8
[Correspondence and Business Cards]	1946, 1982, 1991	1	9
Titles/Army Paper	1946-1978	1	10
Publishing Contract [Unfinished Mysteries]	1978	1	11
[Who's Who of Intellectuals Invitation]	1980-1981	1	12
Reports of Censors [for Voices of Fire]	1980-1981	1	13
Contract for Voices of Fire	1981	1	14
[Association of Marian Helpers Certificate of Enrollment]	1982	1	15
Reviews for Resurrection of Values	1986	1	16
["The Church in 2010: Passing a Vibrant Baton to a New Generation" Paper by Donna M. Hanson]	1988-1989	1	17
["Adam's Story", Lecture]	1988	1	18
[Lectures, printed as pamphlets, by John Walchars, S.J.]	1989, 2002	1	19
• Attitudes			
• The Awakening of Faith			
• The Beatitudes			
• Living Our Faith			
• The Loss of a Loved One			
• A New Year of Hope			
• Our Relationship to God			
• A Purpose in Life			
• The Stillness of Bethlehem			
• Take Charge of Your Life			

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<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>
[Lectures, printed as pamphlets, by John Walchars, S.J.] <i>continued</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Volatility of Human Nature</li><li>• Who Am I?</li></ul>	1989, 2002	1	19
Retreat Notes	1976-88	1	20

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Books about Fr. Walchars:			
<i>In Memory of a Friend</i> by Virginia Malachowski	1993	1	21
<i>The Spirit of Jesuit John Walchars, A Biography</i> by Virginia Malachowski	1993	1	22
<i>The Wit and Wisdom of Father Walchars, S.J.</i> by Patricia Willey, Helga Veit and Virginia Malachowski, 2 copies	1998	1	23
Retreat Notes typed and donated by Barbara Mastrodomenico:			
Retreat	1977, May 27-29	2	1
Retreat	1977, Dec. 2-4	2	2
Retreat	1984, May 25-28	2	3
Retreat – From Addiction to Freedom	1985, Aug. 30- Sept. 2	2	4
Retreat – For Married Women	1986, Feb. 28 – Mar.2	2	5
Retreat – The Inner Miracle	1986, May 23-25	2	6
Retreat – The Meaning of Our Limitations	1986, Oct. 3-5	2	7
Retreat – Night of Recollection	1986, Nov. 13	2	8
Retreat – For Business and Professional Women	1987, May 15-17	2	9
Retreat – Colorado Springs	1987, Aug. 21-23 & 26	2	10
Retreat – Listening Performs Wonders	1987, Sept. 4-6	2	11
Retreat – Becoming as Children Before God: Silent Retreat for Married Women	1987, Oct. 2-4	2	12
Retreat – Permissiveness, A Disaster	1987, Nov. 12	2	13
Retreat – How to Forgive Oneself and Others	1988, May 27-30	2	14
Retreat	1988, Sept. 2-4	2	15
Retreat – Business Women’s Retreat	1988, Sept. 9-11	2	16
Retreat – Palm Sunday	1989, March 17-19	2	17
Retreat – Colorado Springs	1989, Aug. 4-6 & 9	2	18
Retreat – General Retreat	1989, Nov. 10-12	2	19
Retreat – Series of Four Nights of Recollection	1990, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Ap. 5, May 10	2	20
Retreat	1990, Sept. 21-23	2	21
Retreat – Commuter Retreat	1991, Ap. 6-7	2	22
Retreat – Campion Center	1991, Oct. 11-13	2	23
Information about Retreat Notes	2013	2	24