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Record Group: 1, Records of the Provincial

Name of Collection: Rev. James H. Dolan, SJ Records

Record Group Number: 1.4A

Dates of Collection: 1950, as Vice Provincial

Size of Collection: 3-5" boxes, 1.5 linear feet

Biographical Sketch of Provincial:

James H. Dolan was born to James B. and Ellen T. (Mulry) Dolan on June 4, 1885 in Roxbury, MA. He entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1905 at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY. He served his juniorate from 1907 until 1909 at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, having attended Boston College for a year prior to his entrance into the Society. From 1909 until 1912 he studied Philosophy at Woodstock College in Woodstock, MD. During his regency, Fr. Dolan taught Latin to third and fourth year high school and freshman and sophomores at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. from 1912-1917. From 1917 until 1921 he studied Theology at Woodstock College and was ordained a priest at the Dahlgren Chapel of Georgetown University on June 28, 1920 by James Cardinal Gibbons. His tertianship was served at St. Andrew-on-Hudson in Poughkeepsie, NY from 1921-1922 and he then went to the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA to teach philosophy.

On August 23, 1925, Fr. Dolan was appointed President and Rector of Boston College, serving until January 1, 1932 when he was named Socius to the Provincial, Rev. James T. McCormick, SJ. Fr. Dolan also served as the New England Province Prefect of Studies from 1932 until 1934. On May 6, 1937, Fr. Dolan was named Provincial of New England Province and served until December 8, 1944.

From December 18, 1944 until October 18, 1951, Fr. Dolan was appointed rector of Fairfield University and Preparatory School in Fairfield, CT. During this period, the current New England Provincial, Rev. John J. McEleney, SJ, was named the Vicar Apostolic of Jamaica, Fr. Dolan served as the New England Vice-Provincial until a new provincial could be named. During his absence from Fairfield University, Rev. William E. FitzGerald, SJ served as Acting President and Rector for the College.

From October 1951 until January 1972, Fr. Dolan lived at Boston College, serving as director of construction and new building in the Province and as revisor of the Province finances. He also taught classes while at Boston College: from 1951 until 1956 he taught natural theology and psychology, and from 1956 until 1965 he served as confessor of students at the College. In 1972 Fr. Dolan moved to the Campion Center, Weston, MA due to ill health. Fr. Dolan died August 1, 1977 in Weston, MA.

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Scope and Content:

The papers for each Provincial and Vice Provincial are divided into 15 categories, called Series. Below is a list of the series for the Records of the Provincial and Vice Provincial. Though the titles themselves may be self-explanatory, short explanations of each series are provided.

Series 1 through series 11 pertain solely to matters of the New England Province in relation to the subject matter of the series. Series 12-14 include the rest of the American Assistancy Provinces, International Provinces/ Jurisdictions and Non-Jesuit Catholic organizations.

Series 1: Province Governance includes papers relating to governing matters of the Provincial. Examples are Circular Letters and Notices to the Province, Province policy information, Province planning, Province Consultors' meetings, and so on.

Series 2: Finances Any financial material relating to the Province is located under Series 2, including the papers of the Treasurer (Procurator) and Revisor. Also included are budgets, benefactor information, retirement fund information, etc.

Series 3: Personnel includes any documents regarding individual Jesuits in the New England Province, Director of Personnel, personnel assignments, deceased Jesuits, departures from the Society, housing information, residency statistics, etc.

Series 4: Formation refers to the training of Jesuits prior to final vows. Subjects include spiritual formation, education, vows, and so on.

Series 5: Pastoral and Spiritual Apostolates and Matters includes retreat work and work performed in churches, the Apostleship of Prayer, Ignatian Spirituality, Mission Band, etc.

Series 6: Education Apostolate and Academic Training of Jesuits refers to higher learning apart from seminary training such as Jesuits getting a master's or doctorate degree at a university. Some titles found in this series are Prefect of Studies and Higher and Secondary Education Apostolates.

Series 7: Social Apostolate pertains especially to any work involving the labor movement and minorities.

Series 8: Houses/ Communities includes any school, parish, community and residence that is under the auspices of the New England Province.

Series 9: Missions and International Apostolates contains material involving any of the work performed outside the United States by the New England Province. Some examples are Iraq and Jamaica.

Series 10: Curia, Rome documents to or from the Curia in Rome are placed in this series, such as Numbered Circular Letters from Father General.

Series 11: General, Procurators', and Provincial Congregations contains any material referring to these congregations.

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Series 12: *Jesuit Jurisdictions and Organizations: American Assistancy* includes information produced for or by the American Assistancy Provinces other than New England Province.

Series 13: *Jesuit Jurisdictions and Organizations: International* includes any province that is outside the American Assistancy.

Series 14: *Non-Jesuit Catholic Church Jurisdictions and Organizations* holds papers regarding Bishops, Military Ordinariate, Conference of the Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) and so on.

Series 15: *Other Organizations, Individuals, and Issues* includes any matter that doesn't fit into the categories listed above is placed under Series 15. Some issues may be Morality in Media, Priests and Political Office, etc.

Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers with the exception of permanently restricted material. Permanently restricted material consists of all Consultors materials, all visitation materials, all correspondence with Fr. General and some other materials. Restricted folders are identified in this finding aid.

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