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Record Group: MSS

Name of Collection: Rev. Thomas P. Fay, SJ, 1905-1988

Record Group Number: MS FAY, Thomas P.

Size of Collection: 1.9 linear feet, 5 boxes

Dates of Collection: 1895-1960s

Biographical Sketch:

Thomas P. Fay was born on August 29, 1905, to Michael J. and Catherine E. (Brown) Fay. He was educated at Boston College High School then went on to Boston College, graduating with an AB degree in 1929. He then completed a course of study at Notre Dame, graduating with an MA in Boy Guidance in 1931. He entered the Society of Jesus on September 14, 1931 and attended Shadowbrook novitiate in Lenox, MA. His juniorate was also at Shadowbrook from 1933-1935 and then he attended Weston College from 1934-1936 studying Philosophy. His regency was spent at Boston College, teaching sociology and English in 1936, followed by study at Weston College in Theology from 1937-1941. He was ordained a priest on June 22, 1940. Rev. Fay then spent a year of tertianship at St. Roberts Hall in Pomfret, CT from 1941-1942, then a year at Cranwell School as the prefect of discipline from 1942-1943, followed by a year teaching second year students at Boston College High School from 1943-1944. April 30, 1944 until June 24, 1946, Rev. Fay served as a U.S. Army Chaplain, serving in Germany and France. After the war, Rev. Fay spent a year serving as Assistant Director of the Institute of Social Order (ISO) in St. Louis from 1946-1947, then a year at Boston College, teaching theology from 1947-1948. From 1948-1949, he served as chaplain for the U.S. Army and in 1949 was named director of devotion to the Sacred Heart in Boston, a position held until 1956. From 1954 -1956, he also taught at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. From 1956-1957, Rev. Fay was the assistant director for the apostleship of prayer for the New England Province then in 1957 he served in St. Louis as editor of "Queen's Work" until 1959. From 1959 until 1961, he was assistant prefect of discipline at Boston College High School in Boston, MA and from 1961 until 1966 was Retreat Director at Manresa Retreat House, Ridgefield, CT. From 1966 until 1967, Rev. Fay was curate of Immaculate Conception Church and director of the Matt Talbot Center. From 1967 until 1969, Rev. Fay was assistant director of the province mission office and

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from 1969 until 1970 he served as the assistant director of the Sacred Heart Program. From 1970 until 1978 he was the assistant chaplain at the Boston City Hospital. From 1978 until 1980, he also served at St. Edward's Parish, Brockton, MA and from 1980 until his death in 1988 he served the Holy Ghost Parish in Whitman, MA. A note on his biographic record states "The many changes do not indicate that he was shallow in any fashion; it better connotes he was ready to step into any hole that Superiors desired filled."

Scope and Content:

The collection consists largely of photographs, scrapbooks, travel guides, and correspondence primarily documenting Rev. Fay's time as Chaplain during World War II, although there are some family photographs dating back to 1895. Much of the collection is made up of photographs from his Chaplaincy in the U.S. Army during World War II in France and Germany, with numerous images of the Orphanage at Celle, France and images of camp life. Scrapbooks of his time in Europe are also part of this collection. The photographic collection is located in the audiovisual aisle.

The paper records from this collection consist of correspondence to his family from Europe and travel guides for Rome, France, and Belgium produced for soldiers. It also includes a papal citation and medal for his chaplain work during the war.

Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

Cite As: Rev. Thomas P. Fay, SJ Manuscript Collection
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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
[Notebook]	1940s	1	1
Correspondence to family	1944-1946	1	2
Varia	1940s	1	3
Holy Cross lecturer, Vincent J. Forde	1971	1	4
[Buttons from uniform]	1940s	1	5
Papal medal **	1940s	1	6
Images of France	1940s	2	1
Images of Brussels	1940s	2	2
Guides to France	1940s	2	3
Images of Avignon, France	1940s	2	4
Images of Cite de Carcassone, France	1940s	2	5
Guides to Leon & Lourdes, France	1940s	2	6
Guides to Rome	1940s	2	7
Jesuit and professional booklets	1940s	2	8
Postcards from Europe	1940s	2	9
Poster, Lourdes, France	1940s	2	10

Audiovisual Material [RG 12, Photographs and Scrapbooks]

Photographs:

Personal photos	1930s-1970s	1	1
Weston, Shadowbrook	1930s	1	2
World War II Camp and Chaplaincy snapshots	1940s	1	3
World War II Camp and Chaplaincy 3.5" x 5"	1940s	1	4
World War II Camp and Chaplaincy 5" x 7"	1940s	1	5
Photo of Rev. Fay	1950s	1	6
Snapshots	1960s	1	7
Boston College Reunion photos	1960s	1	8
Negatives	1940s	1	9
Military Chaplain photos	1943s	2	1

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<i>Photographs, continued:</i>			
Germany	1940s	2	2
Germany: Visit of Bishop Elect Arnold	1940s	2	3
France: Celle	1940s	2	4
France: Orphanage at Celle	1940s	2	5
France: the Vouzlers, Leon & Belgium	1940s	2	6
France: Leon	1945-1946	2	7
France: Leon	1946	2	8
France	1940s	2	9
France	1940s	2	10
Italy: Rome	1940s	2	11
<i>Scrapbooks:</i>			
Family Scrapbook	1895-1940s	1	1
Loose Photographs from front of Family Scrapbook	1895-1940s	1	2
Loose Photographs from back of Family Scrapbook	1895-1940s	1	3
Loose Newspaper clippings from Family Scrapbook	1895-1940s	1	4
Miscellaneous loose papers from Family Scrapbook	1895-1940s	1	5
Boston College High School Class of 1943 portrait book	1943	1	6
France: Leon	1940s	1	7
France: Depot [captions in German]	1940s	1	8

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