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Series Description



Record Group:	11.1, Missions Offices Records
Series Name:	Other Missions with New England Jesuit Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazil,• Caroline and Marshall Islands, including Yap• Japan• Mid-East: Beirut, Lebanon; Amman, Jordan; Egypt, Iran, Syria, and Yemen
Dates of Collection:	1945 – 2010
Size of Collection:	4.75 linear feet: 8-5” boxes + 3-2.5” boxes = 11 boxes

Historical Background:

Members of the New England Province worked in other missions that the Province Missions Offices did not administer directly: Brazil, the Caroline & Marshall Islands, Japan, and the Mid-East.

Brazil, 1964 – 1977: The mission in Brazil began after Pope John XXIII's appeal in the early 1960s for sharing of priests and religious with Latin America. At the request of Fr. General Janssens, the New England Province looked at Brazil, a country of one hundred twenty million people, 90% of whom are Catholic.

Edward Gorman, S.J., Denny Brown, S.J., and Normand Pepin, S.J. arrived in Brazil in 1964 to investigate appropriate works. Edward Gorman, S.J. left Brazil in 1965 due to health problems and James Malley, S.J. took his place. They investigated appropriate ministries for the New England Jesuits.

In 1966, the Alagdos section, a favela (slum), of city of Salvador in the state of Bahia was chosen as the site for the American Jesuits to work. They worked alongside the Italian Jesuits and a Brazilian nun already carrying on apostolates there. Also in 1966, a Convenio (agreement) of cooperation was drawn up between Fr. John V. O'Connor, the New England Provincial, and Fr. Bresciani of the Vice Province of Bahia. In it, the New England Jesuits primary mission was described as: “that of a pastoral-social work among the poor and destitute.” The ancillary ministries included “all forms of scholarly research, publication, cooperation with the social-economic-educational efforts of others, cooperation with other groups working in the explicitly religious areas, as well as the fostering of groups from other classes of society (including student groups) for involvement in the basic pastoral-social work among the poor.”

The mission suffered a tragedy in 1972, when Dick Eisenmann, S.J., who had been working in Brazil since 1969, died in a car accident. In 1974 a new agreement was drawn up between Fr. Botturi of the Vice Province of Bahia, and the New England Provincial, Fr. Guindon, reaffirming the American Jesuits mission in Brazil as one focused on work with and for the poor implemented through various pastoral, educational and social justice works. In 1977, on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Vice Province of Bahia, Fr. General signed a decree elevating it to the status of

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an independent Vice Province and stating that all men with Final Vows who worked there were considered transcribed to the Vice Province. Ron Colavecchio, S.J. and Ola Nelson, S.J., of the New England Province, agreed to the transcription of service to the Vice Province of Bahia.

The Vice-superiors of the Brazil Mission as listed in the New England Province catalogs are:

1966-1969 James B. Malley, S.J., appointed 4 June, 1966

1969-1974 Martin P. MacDonnell, S.J., appointed 4 August, 1969

In 1970, Fr. MacDonnell returned to New England for medical treatment of a chronic back problem. Dick Eisenmann served as Superior during that time.

See “A Short History of the Brazil Mission (New England Jesuits in Bahia) 1964-1980” in Box 1 for greater detail. The history of the Brazil Apostolate can also be followed in the *SJ News* and the *New England Province News*, *see* RG 14 Publications, Serial. Summary information is included in the “one-page reports” in the Jesuit Missions and Jesuit International Missions Board Meeting Material, *see* Assistancy-Wide Organizations / Boards Series in RG 11.1 Mission Offices.

Caroline & Marshall Islands, 1945 – 1977: Some Province Jesuits worked in these islands from 1945 until 1977. Rev. Thomas J. Feeney, S.J., Rev. Frederick C. Bailey, S.J., and Rev. Vincent I. Kennally, S.J. were some of the Jesuits from New England who served the islands. Frs. Feeney and Kennally became Vicars Apostolic of the area currently known as Micronesia.

Japan, 1947 – 1985: Some Jesuits from New England worked in Japan from 1947 until 1985. They included Rev. John Collins, Rev. Richard Lawlor, and Rev. T.A. Johnson.

Mid-East, 1930s-present: The Iraq Mission brought New England Province Jesuits to the Mid-East. The New England Province and the Near East (Proche-Orient) Vice-Province worked with each other during and after the Iraq Mission. While the Iraq Mission was ongoing, New England Jesuits were often called into service to report on other counties or received assignments outside of the administration of the New England Province. For example, Fr. Francis Anderson served as Secretary to the Apostolic Delegate, Director of Catholic Schools in Transjordan, from 1940-46, *see* MS/Personal Papers of Rev. Francis W. Anderson, S.J. Following the expulsion from Iraq, the New England Province explored various ways and projects to contribute personnel to the area. The largest projects became The Centre d'études sur le monde arabe moderne (CEMAM, Center for the Study of the Modern Arab World) based in Beirut, Lebanon, and The Jesuit Center in Amman, Jordan. Men of the New England Province also worked with the Pontifical Mission for Palestine (PMP) in Amman. Fr. Joseph L. Ryan was the first New England Jesuit working with the PMP and there are additional papers about the PMP in his MS/Personal Papers. Fr. Joseph A. “Tony” Paquet taught religion in Amman, Jordan from 1984 until 1994 at a girls’ school operated by the Nazareth Sisters as part of a New England Province venture. Some of his work is described in his MS Papers and visually documented in his MS Photographs and Scrapbook Collections. For additional information on these missions, *see* RG 1 Records of the Provincial, Series 9 International Missions and Apostolates, and RG 14 Publications, Serials for the *New England Province News*. New England

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Jesuits have continued a presence in Egypt, Lebanon, and Jordan, as well as other Mid-East countries. Rev. Robert Campbell, S.J. was a consistent and descriptive correspondent, *see* his circular letters folder in RG 11.1, Mission Personnel (the circular letters are not restricted).

The New England Province Authors Collection contains several volumes that resulted from work in the Mid-East. *CEMAN Reports* and other publications are grouped under the author/editor John J. Donohue, S.J. The book, *Contemporary Arab Writers: Biographies and Autobiographies, Vols. 1 & 2*, 1996, in Arabic is filed under author/editor Robert B. Campbell, S.J.

Scope and Content:

The *Brazil* records include mission reports, financial material, superiors' correspondence, other correspondence, conference notes and clippings. Visitation Reports are restricted. Also see RG 12, Audiovisual Collection for scrapbooks, photographs, and slides. Additional information about the mission can be located in RG 11, Mission Personnel files of the men who served in Brazil. Of particular interest is a diary of Fr. Richard Eisenmann. More information about the Brazil apostolate can be found in the International Ministries/Apostolate Directors files and in RG 1, Fr. Provincial, Series 9, International Missions and Apostolates. The records date from 1964 until 1992 and measure 2.25 linear feet in 5 boxes: 4-5" boxes + 1-2.5" box.

There are few records from *Japan or the Caroline & Marshall Islands* and the ones represented here are mostly correspondence, informational, or mass-printed material.

- The *Caroline & Marshall Islands* material consists of information about the members of the New England Province who became Bishops, correspondence, and the "Letters from Likiep" newsletters. The records date from 1945 until 1995 and measure .5 linear foot in 1-5" box.
- The material on *Japan* is supplemented by records in the audiovisual collection including the photographs of Rev. John Hughes, SJ and subject scrapbooks on Japan from the 1950s as well as photos of Sophia University. The records date from 1947 until 1979 and measure .25 linear feet in 1-2.5" box.

The *Mid-East* material contains contracts, reports, newsletters and correspondence. Many of the reports describe schools in the region. Visitation reports are included and are restricted. The correspondence is between superiors in the region and New England missions' directors from 1969-2007. There is a detailed set of records about the work in Amman, Jordan that describes the selection and development of the work throughout the 1980s. The materials date from 1946-2010 and measure 1.75 linear feet stored in 3-5" boxes plus 1-2.5" box.

See Also:

Additional resources within the New England Province Archives are listed in the Historical Background for each geographic area.

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Brazil

5 boxes: 4-5" boxes + 1-2.5" box

1964-1992

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Contracts:			
Contracts [Convenio]	1966-1987	1-5" box	1
Correspondence:			
Mission Superior, letters to [Jim Malley]	1965-1966	1	2
Mission Superior, letters from	1965-1966	1	3
Mission Superior, letters to	1967	1	4
Mission Superior, letters from	1967	1	5
Mission Superior [Fr. Martin P. MacDonnell]	1969-1973	1	6
Superior of Mission, Vice Province of Bahia	1974-1978	1	7
Provincial, Province of Bahia	1983-1992	1	8
Brazil – Correspondence [Fr. J. Fallon]	1965-1966	1	9
Brazil – Public Relations [photos, Fr. J. Fallon]	1966	1	10
Brazil – Financial [Fr. J. Fallon]	1966	1	11
Brazil – Financial [Fr. Anderson]	1968-1972	1	12
Brazil – Financial, letters from [Fr. Anderson]	1968-1972	1	13
Correspondence, Latin America [Fr. Anderson]	1968	1	14
Correspondence, Brazil [Fr. Anderson]	1966-1968	1	15
Correspondence, Memos	1970-1980	1	16
Brazil: New Orientation, Correspondence [Fr. Anderson]	1966-1968	1	17
Brazil: New Orientation II [Fr. Anderson]	1966-1968	1	18
Conferences:			
Agenda for Mission Conference	1965	2-5" box	1
CICOP (Catholic Inter-American Coop Program)	1966	2	2
CICOP Conferences & Articles [Fr. Anderson]	1967	2	3
CICOP Conferences & Articles [Fr. Anderson]	1967	2	4
CICOP Conferences & Articles [Fr. Anderson]	1967	2	5
CICOP	1969	2	6
Jesuits, Latin America meeting	1970	2	7
Clippings:			
South America – Education & Apostolates	1968	2	8
Eugene Cardinal Sales article	1971	2	9
News Items	1969-1971	2	10
Latin America – “Taming the Cuban Shrew”	1973	2	11
Latin America [clippings, Fr. Anderson]	1963	2	12
Brazil [clippings, Fr. Anderson]	1965-1972	2	13
Clippings Documentation [Fr. Anderson]	1966-1974	2	14
Latin America (varia) [Fr. Anderson]	1968, 1974	2	15
About Brazil Mission published by Province	1966-1973	2	16

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Financial:			
Financial [Fr. Anderson]	1963-1966	3-5" box	1
Finances	1966-1969	3	2
Brazil Account: First National Bank [Fr. Anderson]	1965-1970	3	3
Brazil Account: First National City Bank	1966-1968	3	4
Brazil Accounts	1968-1969	3	5
Crochet piece for fundraising	1968	3	6
Brazil – Financial: The Gazzolo Gifts	1970	3	7
Benefactors	1970	3	8
Brazil – Financial [Fr. Anderson]	1960s-1972	3	9
Brazil – Financial: Eisenmann [Fr. Anderson]	1970-1972	3	10
Financial – P. Sweitzer	1971	3	11
Brazil – Funeral bills, Eisenmann [Fr. Anderson]	1972	3	12
Brazil Accounts	1973	3	13
Brazil – McDonnell	1966, 1977	3	14
Brazil – Fr. Sciberras order	1977-1978	3	15
Books for Brazil – Boston College	1966	3	16
Printing for Brazil	1966	3	17
Medicine	1969-1970	3	18
Bills paid, summer	1969	3	19
Bills paid	1970	3	20
Battery Projectors	1972	3	21
Reports and Files:			
Reports from Brazil, pamphlets by missionaries	1966, 1968	4-5" box	1
Superior's Report to Missioners and Annual Conference Report [Fr. Malley]	1967	4	2
Brazil Guide Sheets, Fr. Malley's Suggestions	1965-1972	4	3
Guide Pamphlet for Brazil Men, Typescript and 2 copies	1967	4	4
Projects I – Brazil [Reports of work]	1965-1968	4	5
Projects I – Brazil [Fr. Anderson]	1969	4	6
Province Planning, Report of Task Force #20: Brazil	1969	4	7
New England / New Orleans Interprovince Cooperation	1969-1970	4	8
New Orleans Jesuits to Brazil, pamphlet	1970	4	9
Projects II-Norm Pepin & Lay Apostles	1970	4	10
Language Programs	1970	4	11
Visa Information	1971	4	12
Malley Report	1971, circa	4	13
Barra Project [in English]	1972	4	14
Barra Project [in French & Portuguese]	1972	4	15
FUNDIFRAN Proposal, Barra Development Project	1972	4	16
Candidates	1974-1975	4	17

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Reports and Files, continued:			
General Brazil Mission Information	1968-1972	4	18
"A Short History of the Brazil Mission: 1964-1980"	1980	4	19
Visits and Visitation Reports:			
Visit, 1968-69, Conference, 1972	<i>RESTRICTED</i> 1968-69, 1972	5-2.5" box	1
Visit [Fr. O'Brien]	1969-1970	5	2
Visit—Frs. Banks and Smith	<i>RESTRICTED</i> 1973	5	3
Visit—Frs. Cleary and Smith	<i>RESTRICTED</i> 1974	5	4
Visit—Fr. O'Connor	<i>RESTRICTED</i> 1978	5	5
Visit—Frs. Manning and MacDonnell	1990	5	6
Visit—Frs. Barry and MacDonnell	1992	5	7

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1-5" box

1945-1995

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
General Information	1947-1950	1-5" box	1
Contracts/Agreements	1947	1	2
Bishops			
Feeney, Thomas J., Vicar Apostolic of the Caroline-Marshall Islands, Letters	1945-1954	1	3
Feeney, Thomas J., Letters from	1945-1948	1	4
Feeney, Thomas J., "Letters from Likiep, I-V", Bound	1947-1948	1	5
Feeney, Thomas J., "Letters from Likiep", No. 1-14	1947-1951	1	6
Feeney, Thomas J., Circular Letters	1952-1955	1	7
Feeney, Thomas J., Condolence Letters for	1955	1	8
Feeney, Thomas J., Obituaries and Eulogy	1955	1	9
Feeney, Thomas J., Biography by Rev. John H. Collins, S.J. (Woodstock College Press, 1956), 2 copies	1956	1	10
Kennally, Vincent I., Vicar Apostolic of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, Consecration	1957	1	11
Kennally, Vincent I., Pontifical Mass in Boston	1957	1	12
Kennally, Vincent I., Biographical information	1950s-2010	1	13
Mission Personnel and Statistics Lists	1956-1967, 1969	1	14
Bailey, Rev. Frederick C., Yap Islands District	1947-1951	1	15
Donohoe, Thomas C., Likiep (Circular Letters)	1948-1950	1	16
Finn, Kay and Dick, Letter from	1949	1	17
Varia	1947-1948	1	18
Archives reference file: NY Jesuit Mission Dinner Talk re: Mission to Caroline and Marshall Islands	1994	1	19
"Vicariate of the Caroline & Marshall Islands"—See oversize box.	1955	OS	

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1-2.5" box

1947-1979

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Newsletter: With American Jesuits in Japan	1947-1948	1	1
Letters from Japan: From many to Fr. J. Collins, S.J.	1947-1950	1	2
Letters from Japan: Thomas A. Johnson, S.J., Sophia University to Fr. J. Collins, S.J.	1951	1	3
Letter from Japan: Richard Lawlor, S.J. to Fr. F. Anderson, S.J.	1955	1	4
Jesuits in Japan, General Information [Fr. Anderson]	1952-1958	1	5
"Jesuits in Japan", Booklet	1956	1	6
"Sophia Looks Ahead", No. 1, Dec. 1959, Booklet	1959	1	7
Sophia University, Tokyo, Information Booklets	1964	1	8
Sophia University, Tokyo, Information Booklets	1979	1	9

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Contracts:			
Contracts – Vice-Province Near East and New England Province	1968-1975	1-5" box	1
Blue Cross Blue Shield [Medical Insurance] for Middle East	1972-1979	1	2
Pension Plan and Blue Cross Blue Shield for Middle East Men, correspondence	1971-1973	1	3
Places:			
<i>Middle East:</i>			
Anderson and Hamoui, Correspondence	1969-1970	1	4
Vice Provincial Near East, Correspondence	1972-1976	1	5
Consultor Vice-Province Near East / New England (J.J. Donohue, S.J.)	1970-1990	1	6
Comment on the Foundation of a Catholic University in Palestine	1946, circa	1	7
La Compagnie de Jesus dans Le Monde Arabe, Fr. Hours, S.J.	1970	1	8
Arab Catholic Missions, Foyer Nazareth, correspondence	1971-1974	1	9
Jesuits in Education in the Middle East by Fr. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J.	1988	1	10
Middle East Trip Report, Dec. 10-24, 1991 by Friar Michael Ledoux, OFM, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Office of Justice and Peace	1992	1	11
<i>Egypt:</i>			
Superior – Cairo, Egypt, Correspondence	1976-1979	1	12
Egypt, Correspondence	1974-1975	1	13
A Study of Christian Schools in Egypt, Sept. 20, 1958	1958	1	14
College de la Sainte Famille, Cairo	1978, circa	1	15
<i>Iran:</i>			
Report of Fr. Richard J. McCarthy on the Possibility of Opening a Secondary School in Tehran	1957	1	16
The Community School Tehran, Iran	1970	1	17
Tehran Again?? [Fr. Anderson]	1970	1	18
<i>Jordan, Amman:</i>			
Jordan	1982-1983	2-5" box	1
Pontifical Mission for Palestine (PMP)	1984-1985	2	2
Pontifical Mission for Palestine	1986-1987	2	3
Pontifical Mission for Palestine and The Jesuit Center	1988-1989	2	4
Pontifical Mission for Palestine and the Jesuit Center	1990-1991	2	5
Brochures, Flyers, etc. for Jesuit Programs	2000s	2	6

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Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
<i>Jordan, Amman, continued:</i>		2	
Brochures, Flyers, etc. for non-Jesuits Programs	2000s	2	7
De Rance Foundation Grant	1991-1992	2	8
Founding Documents, Convenio and Contracts	1989-2009	2	9
Founding Documents, Purchase of Real Estate	1989-1992	2	10
Publication Permission for <i>God and You</i> by Fr. William A. Barry, S.J.	2006	2	11
Provincial Assistant – Reports, Memos, Correspondence	2001, 2007	2	12
Superior – Reports and Correspondence	1988-2008	2	13
Treasurer / Administrator – Reports and Correspondence	2003-2010	2	14
What's It Like in Amman by Fr. Joseph A. "Tony" Paquet, S.J.	1985	2	15
<i>Lebanon:</i>			
Superior – Beirut, Lebanon, Correspondence	1976-1979	3-5" box	1
Beirut, Lebanon, Other correspondence	1986-1989	3	2
Dr. Penrose and "Discrimination in Point Four", Is A.U.B. [American University of Beirut] Truly a Non-Sectarian Institution, Papers	1955, circa	3	3
Fr. Williams Proposal for International Institute of Islamic Studies	1968	3	4
CEMAM (ICO-1969) [Center for the Study of the Modern Arab World] Also see, MS / Personal Papers of Rev. Richard J. McCarthy, S.J. and Rev. Joseph L. Ryan, S.J.	1969	3	5
Establishment in U.S.A. of an International Center to Study from a Christian Point of View Issues Related to Development and Peace	1970	3	6
"Foundations for Dialogue: Jesuits Study Change in the Arab World" by John J. Donohue, S.J., <i>The Jesuit</i> , Autumn 1973 (photocopy)	1973	3	7
CEMAM – Mailing Lists: Alumni, Lay Apostle; Expenses, etc.	1975	3	8
CEMAM – List of Foundations, Letters, Report of CEMAM Sent with Letter	1974-1975	3	9
Fuhs, Philip A. [Contents: carbon copies of fund-raising letters to foundations from Rev. John J. Donohue, S.J., Director of CEMAM]	1975	3	10
CEMAM – Projects of the Center	1975, circa	3	11
Beirut Telex	1976	3	12
<i>Syria:</i>			
Report on Private Schools in Syria from Peter Browers, S.J.	1967	3	13
<i>Yemen:</i>			
Yemen	1971-1974	3	14

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Publications:			
Newsletters of the Vice-Province Near East	1969-1974, 1979	3	15
Visitation Reports:			
Visit to Middle East, Provincial, 1970	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1970	4-2.5" box 1
Visit to Middle East, Provincial, 1972	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1972	4 2
Visit to Middle East, Director, 1972	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1972	4 3
Visit to Middle East, Provincial, 1973	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1973	4 4
Visit to Middle East, Provincial, 1975	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1975	4 5
Visit to Middle East, Director, 1978	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1978	4 6
Jordan, Amman – Visitation Reports	<i>RESTRICTED</i>	1999, 2001, 2003, 2004	4 7

Some New England men associated with the Brazil Mission / Apostolate. This list is not complete.

Brown, Denny
Colavecchio, Ron
Conlan, Walter (Skip)
Eisenmann, Dick
Fleming, Paul
Gorman, Edward
Guerrera, Dick
Howard, Paul
MacDonnell, Martin P. (Marty)
Malley, James B. (Jim)
Nelson, Ola
Pepin, Norman
Schweitzer, Paul
Spokesfield, Brother Bill
Walsh, John J. (J.J.)