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Scope and Contents

The collection is comprised of correspondence, written histories, publications, and financial information. The bulk of the material dates between the 1980s and the 2000s.

Historical Note

The Jesuits arrived in Baton Rouge in 1849 to establish a boy's college, the College of Sts. Peter and Paul which opened in 1850.¹ A yellow fever epidemic led to the closing the college in 1856, and the ravages of the Civil War forced the last Jesuit to leave St. Joseph Parish in 1865. During their time in Baton Rouge, the Jesuits oversaw the construction of St. Joseph's Church beginning in 1853 and completed in 1856, which became the seat of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.² Secondary histories of St. Joseph's and the College of Sts. Peter and Paul are well documented in the collection; however, it is lacking primary sources.

The Immaculate Conception Parish was assigned to the Jesuits in 1983. The church was constructed in 1953 by the Josephite Order.³

Publication Statement

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¹ "History of the Catholic Church in Baton Rouge." 1916. BIN NOR 3.0054, Folder 1. NOR 3.05. Jesuit Archives & Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

² "The Jesuit Era." n.d. BIN NOR 3.0054, Folder 4. NOR 3.05. Jesuit Archives & Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

³ "Golden Jubilee Edition Parish Directory." 2003. BIN NOR 3.0053, Folder 6. NOR 3.05. Jesuit Archives & Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

Processing Information

This collection was arranged and processed in the Jesuits of the New Orleans Province Archives at Loyola University New Orleans. Box and folder numbers were added at the Jesuit Archives & Research Center in July 2019 by Cooper Clarke, who also created the finding guide.

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