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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents

This collection is comprised of sermons, reflections, and lessons given by Shealy, as well as scrapbooks and two hardback books. The material dates between 1906 and 1921, with the bulk in the late 1910s to 1921.

## Biographical/Historical Note

Fr. Terence Shealy, SJ, is well-known for being a foundational figure in the American retreat movement. In the summer of 1909, he offered his first retreat on Fordham's campus, sparking desires for retreats for lay people.<sup>1</sup> Retreats were later moved to Mount Manresa, a Jesuit retreat house on Staten Island, and had provided retreats for over 6,000 men by 1920.

Although the lay retreat movement stumbled after Shealy's death, he's remembered as the father of Fordham's Graduate School of Social Service.<sup>2</sup> Tributes written about him after his death described him as "a preacher of extraordinary eloquence and power," and his legacy lives on through Fordham and the larger retreat movement in America.<sup>3</sup>

## Access and Use Restrictions

Use copies have been made of Fr. Shealy's original sermons for easier viewing. The scrapbooks are extremely fragile and their use may be restricted as a preservation concern.

Box and folder numbers in this collection may be temporary. However, the order and arrangement is permanent and any reboxing and folder renumbering will be noted in later finding guides.

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<sup>1</sup> Fordham News, "After a Century, A Look Back at the Layman's Retreat League." Fordham News. <https://news.fordham.edu/university-news/after-a-century-a-look-back-at-the-laymens-retreat-league/> (accessed 5 November 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Gerald C. Treacy, ed., *Father Shealy – A Tribute* (Ford Wadsworth, NY: Mount Manresa, 1927), 5.

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## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Original Papers

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
2.0091	1	Sermons given at St. Francis Xavier Church and at St. Patrick's Cathedral	1906		
2.0091	2	Lecture to Social Studies School	1914		
2.0091	3	Social Studies lectures	1915		
2.0091	4	Lectures	1916-13-14 1916-10-13 – 1916-10-16		
2.0091	5	Lectures	1917-10-19 – 1917-10-22		
2.0091	6	Lectures	1918-04-05 – 1918-04-08		
2.0091	7	Retreat notes	1919-10-17 – 1919-10-20		
2.0091	8	Retreat notes	1920-11-19 – 1920-11-21		
2.0091	9	Retreat notes	1921-11-11 – 1921-11-13		
2.0091	10	Notes			
2.0091	11	Notes			

Series 2: Use Copies

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
2.0091	12	Use Copies: volume one	1914-03-23, 1914-11, 1914-12		
2.0091	13	Use Copies: volume 2	1915-1917		
2.0091	14	Use Copies: volume 3	1916-10-13 – 1916-10-16		
2.0091	15	Use Copies: volume 4	1917-10-19 – 1917-10-21		
2.0091	16	Use Copies: volume 5	1918-04-05 – 1918-04-08		
2.0091	17	Use Copies: volume 6	1919-10-17 – 1919-10-19		
2.0092	1	Use Copies: volume 7	1920-11-19 – 1920-11-21		
2.0092	2	Use Copies: volume 8	1921-11-11 – 1921-11-13		
2.0092	3	Use Copies: volume 9	1906-1907, 1915		
2.0092	4	Scrapbook	nd		
2.0092	5	Fr. Shealy – A Tribute		book	
2.0092	6	Father Shealy and Marymount	nd	book	

Series 3: Oversize items

DRAWER	TITLE	DATE(S)	CONTENTS	NOTES
3A	Scrapbooks			