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Scope and Contents

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. There are no folders for RG 1.0A Vice-Provincial O’Gorman, S.J. in this series.

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.

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. There are no folders for RG 1.0A Vice-Provincial O’Gorman, S.J. in this series

Biographical/Historical Note

Patrick F. O’Gorman was born in New York City July 11, 1867. He attended St. Francis Xavier High School, entering the Society of Jesus August 14, 1884 at the novitiate in West Park, NY. The following year this novitiate closed and he was sent to the novitiate in Frederick, MD. He made his philosophy and theology at Woodstock, MD where he was also ordained by James Cardinal Gibbons in June 1899. His tertianship was made at Florissant, MO and he spent one year teaching freshmen at St. Joseph’s College, Philadelphia, PA. In 1902, he was appointed Prefect of Studies at the College of St. Francis, New York, NY and in 1906 he was assigned Prefect of Studies at The Loyola School, New York, NY where he stayed until 1919. When Fr. Norbert de Boynes was assigned as Visitor of the Province by Rome in December 1919, Fr. O’Gorman was made his Socius for two years. Fr. O’Gorman was appointed Rector of St. Joseph’s College, Philadelphia, PA, but when New England became the New England Region in 1921, Fr. O’Gorman was instead made its first Vice-Provincial, serving until 1924. He did not become a member of the fledgling province when the region separated and formed its own province in 1926; he continued to serve the Maryland-New York Province until his death.

In November 1924 he returned to New York served as Rector at The Loyola School and Regis High School, New York, NY and in 1930 he was named Prefect of Studies at Georgetown Preparatory School, Washington, D.C.. In 1935 he was appointed Spiritual Father, Student Counselor, and Librarian at the school. He died in Washington, D.C. on March 15, 1940.

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