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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

James M. Kilroy was born December 2, 1876 in Boston, MA . He entered the Society of Jesus in August 14, 1896 at Woodstock College in Woodstock, MD and was ordained a priest on July 30, 1911 by James Cardinal Gibbons in the Sacred Heart Chapel at Woodstock College. Following his ordination, he served at Georgetown University as a prefect of discipline for one year. His tertianship was served at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY from 1913 until 1914 when he was named Prefect of Studies at the new Regis High School in New York, NY. In 1919, Fr. Kilroy was appointed rector of Loyola School in New York and also served as pastor of the Church of St. Ignatius on Park Avenue. In 1919, Fr. Kilroy received an A.B. degree from Woodstock College and in 1920, he received an A.M. degree also from Woodstock College. In 1924, Fr. Kilroy was named Vice Provincial of the New England region. Fr. Kilroy was then named the first Provincial of New England Province, serving from 1926 until 1932. During his time in office, he saw to the completion of Weston College with the Holy See accrediting the institution with pontifical status. In 1932, Fr. Kilroy was appointed Rector of Weston College. From 1937 until 1966, Fr. Kilroy served at Boston College as spiritual father to the Jesuit Community. He died October 30, 1969 in Brookline, MA..

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