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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 T. McCormick was born in Taunton, MA on February 21, 1876. He attended Woburn High School, Boston College High School, and Boston College, entering the Society of Jesus in 1896 at Frederick, MD. He studied at Woodstock College in Woodstock, MD where he was also ordained in 1911 by James Cardinal Gibbons. His tertianship was at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepisie, NY. As a scholastic, he taught at St. Francis Xavier College, New York, NY and at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Following his ordination as a priest, he also taught at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. From 1917 until 1925, he was Vice President of Boston College. From 1925 until 1931, he was Rector of Boston College High School and from 1931 until 1932 he was Rector of Weston College.

Fr. McCormick was appointed Provincial of the New England Province in 1932, serving until 1937 when he returned to Weston College as Spiritual Father. From 1940 until 1941, he was an instructor of tertians at St. Robert's Hall, Pomfret, CT. In 1941, he was appointed Spiritual Father at the College of the Holy Cross, serving in the position until his death on March 18, 1950 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, MA.

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