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The archival collections named the “DeAndreis-Rosati Memorial Archives” are the provincial archives of the Province of the Midwest, Congregation of the Mission. They are housed at the Motherhouse of the Vincentian Community in the United States, St. Mary’s Seminary, Perryville, MO.

This collection was developed and arranged by various individuals, the most noteworthy probably being Charles-Leon Souvay, C.M., a member of the faculty of Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, MO., and also of St. Mary’s Seminary. He later was Superior General. His material, previously located partly in each of those two institutions, is now housed together with the works of many others who gathered, arranged and compiled the papers described below.

In contrast to the inventory of the Eastern Province, published in Vol. I of Vincentian Heritage, the DeAndreis-Rosati archives does not include general printed materials on St. Vincent, biographies of Vincentians and Daughters of Charity, history, documentation, etc. These items form part of the library of St. Mary’s Seminary.

The inventory that follows is styled “preliminary,” inasmuch as the majority of the materials listed are not catalogued in detail. They are, however, available to scholars and persons with qualified interests.

A final note seems in order concerning the Vincentian holdings of Notre Dame University. A story current among Vincentians — and indeed among many dioceses and religious communities — holds that Notre Dame University has all of our materials. In fact, the University does have a Vincentian collection, but it is principally composed of letters previously belonging to John Timon, C.M., the first American Provincial and, later, Bishop of Buffalo. The University collection consists of seven boxes of letters, 1801-1854, approximately 1600 items. These items are partly calendared, in the
National Union Catalogue of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), MS 67-937. Microfilms are available as noted below. Another significant collection of American Vincentiana is in the University’s St. Louis Collection. Box No. 1 consists principally of letters of Timon to Bishop Joseph Rosati. Letters from other confreres are scattered through other collections, principally to Bishop Blanc of New Orleans, and Fr. Rousselon, his close associate.

The DeAndreis-Rosati archives are quite comprehensive in materials pertaining to St. Mary’s Seminary itself, to St. Vincent’s College in Cape Girardeau, and to Dallas University. The archives are the principal repository of items from these three institutions.

DEANDREIS-ROSATI MEMORIAL ARCHIVES
(Note: The Archives are located in two places: the archives room safe in the Library, and on level 2S of the Library.)

ARCHIVES ROOM
(Note: the safe contains (a) materials pertaining to St. Mary’s Seminary and to the parish church of the Assumption, now St. Vincent’s Church; (b) mission churches served by the seminary in Perry Co., Mo.; (c) personnel records; (d) miscellaneous files, largely brochures, clippings, filed alphabetically; (e) papers concerning St. Mary’s Seminary, the Vincentian Provinces and Vincentian Community in general; these are filed systematically; (f) official papers of Provincials; (g) framed pictures and objects. In 29 drawers for c.f., c. 48 linear ft.) Total approximate size 100.3 linear feet.

St. Mary’s Seminary (c. 31 linear ft.)
Board (Corporation) minutes, 1845-1939
House diaries, 1859-1864, 1886-1889
Scholastics’ Diaries, 1862-1866 (St. Vincent’s Church, St. Louis, photocopy), and 1886-1971
Christmas Log, 1936-1968
Novices’ Diaries, 1889-1968
Seminary financial and other records, including original land grants and deeds, 1826-1939
Bills and receipts, 1820-1968, including treasurer’s correspondence, 1860s-1923; bills and receipts with Wm. Furth, 1880-1896; financial statements, 1941-1963 (See also Oversized Materials)
Christmas programs, c. 1945-1963, and miscellaneous programs (See also Oversized Materials)
Student activity books and accounts
Music books, 1880s-1900s

The De Andrein (student publication with notes of Community activities and history) 2 bound sets, 1 unbound; miscellaneous copies, 1928/29-1964/65; De Andrein correspondence.
Academic records (miscellaneous)
Scholastic record books, 1860-1890
Syllabi of courses
Seminary catalogs
Academic self-studies (for accreditation)
Rules and customs, manuals, regulations
Building projects
Museum and Archives materials, correspondence
Miraculous Medal Almanac, 1924-1933
Historical materials of house and Province, with notes, clippings, e.g., Diary of Timon; translations of letters from Annates
Ceremonials
Devotional materials
Spiritual formation, Novitiate renewal plans
Novenas (of various types)
Miscellaneous books of historical interest
Personnel Lists (Copies of printed personnel lists and rosters from 1859-1872)
Domestic Assembly (St. Mary’s Seminary), 1973, 1977
Miscellaneous stamps and seals

Assumption Parish/St. Vincent de Paul Parish (c. 5.3 ft.)
Church historical items
Stipends and Subscriptions
Parish School information
Treasurer’s Records
Pulpit announcement books
Dispensations and grants of faculties (from Archbishop Kenrick)
St. Vincent High School yearbooks
Assumption Parish Monthly Magazine, 1912-1923
Perry County information
Bethlehem Convent (Sisters of Loretto) building brick
Photos
St. Mary’s Seminary (albums)
St. Mary’s Seminary and St. Vincent’s (Cape Girardeau)
Negatives
Camp St. Vincent
Groups of philosophers and theologians

Oversized materials (c. 16 ft. for Photos and Oversized)
St. Mary’s Seminary financial and academic records
Visitation books, miscellaneous records of historical interest
Registrar’s books
Photo Album (Joseph Lilly, C.M.)
Miscellaneous photos (confreres, Carville hospital, etc.)
Photos: Cape Girardeau, St. Mary’s Seminary
Novitiate Photo Album
Mixed Photos
Photo albums of Perryville and Cape/Perryville
Christmas programs
Mission parishes, Perry County
Student Mission Society
Photos: Provincial assemblies
Program scrapbook (unboxed)
Ordination Classes, photo albums, 1936-1960

Special Collections
DeAndries, Ven. Felix (copybooks; materials on cause for beatification)
Rosati, Bishop Joseph (New Testament belonging to Rosati)
originals of St. Louis synod (1839); autograph letters
Microfilm: Correspondence with Superiors General and other officials in Paris and Rome. (Originals now in CM Archives, Rome). 3 reels of 16mm films; 5 rolls of 35mm films; calendars accompany films, in 8 folders. Microfilm of Notre Dame University Vincentian Collection, 4 reels of 35mm film, with calendars.
(In addition, in the Archives Room there is a card catalogue, arranged in several series: chronological, alphabetical (to individuals), etc. Some of the materials so numbered and catalogues are not now in their previous order.)
ARCHIVES SHELVES (Level 2S in Library)

(Note: Materials in 2S consist of: (a) General Vincentian materials, except for printed books and magazines, which are located elsewhere as part of the Library collection; (b) Western (now Midwest) Province materials, dealing with government of the Province; (c) Materials on houses, arranged alphabetically by State, concluding with foreign missions; (d) Souvay collection of photos and transcripts of early letters and manuscripts; (e) Provincial works (apart from c above);(f) Eastern Province; (g) Daughters of Charity; (h) Ladies of Charity; (i) Papers of individuals; (j) Photographs and motion picture film, with some diplomas of Vincentian confreres; (k) Oral history.) Total approx. size 296. 7 ft.

General Vincentian Materials (c. 8.75 ft.)

Circular Letters of Superiors General

Consists of sets of French letters, unbound; 1673; 1843-1964; assorted French duplicates; also in Box 1 an original letter of Fr. Salhorgne to US confreres, dated c. 1831
2 sets of English translations, unbound; 1900-1975; mixed duplicates in English

Letters to the Daughters of Charity (French, 1859-1949), and English (1897-1941); both sets are incomplete

General Assemblies: 1955, 1968-69, 1974, 1980; and photos of delegates (for various years)

Constitutions and Decrees of Assemblies

St. Vincent de Paul (devotional, manuscripts and translations)

Vincentian Beati (printed materials on Justin de Jacobis, Ghebre Michael, and others, arranged alphabetically)

Western Midwest Province (c. 10 ft.)


Vow Books (Copy of 1797-1888, original in Eastern Province), with
   (1) Priests and clerics; (2) Brothers; Codices A,B,C,D.

COTA (Committee on the Apostolate) materials

Western Province/Region Directories, 1965-1978

Provincial Assemblies Minute Book 1890-1955; Assembly minutes, 1955-1975. Photocopies of minutes for 1849-1889

Treasurer’s Records: Rigalto Building Files; Estates, Wills, Deeds

Vincentian Seminary Auxiliary (Financial)

Biographies of confreres (types from available printed sources)

Unknown Miscellany: pre-1900 letters, Manuscript books, etc.
Individual Houses

ARIZONA (0.4 ft.)
Phoenix: St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Tucson: Regina Cleri Seminary

CALIFORNIA (c. 3.5 ft.)
Camarillo: St. John’s Seminary
Los Angeles: Los Angeles College/Queen of Angels Seminary
Los Angeles: St. Vincent’s Church
Los Angeles: St. Vincent’s College: Annals 1882-1905 (copy)

COLORADO (c. 0.8 ft.)
Denver: St. Thomas Seminary: *Guild Magazine*; handbooks, general correspondence; academic/institutional self-studies

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (c. 0.4 ft.)
Washington: House of Studies

ILLINOIS (c. 15 ft.)
Chicago: De Paul Academy, Yearbooks 1944-1968; DePaul Prep, 1952-1954
Chicago: DePaul University
*DePaulian* (yearbook) 1924-1955; Fr. McCabe’s scrapbook; General catalogs; Miscellaneous clippings; *DePaul Magazine*; Clippings and historical materials; financial information; Fr. Michael O’Connell; DePaul newspaper
Chicago: St. Vincent’s Church
LaSalle: St. Patrick’s Church
Historical materials; house accounts 1900-1933; pew rent books, 1848-1900; societies, 1839-1948; announcement books, and parish census, 1891, 1911; financial journals, 1838-1938; various account books; board meetings, ledgers, oversized journals
Lemont: DeAndreis Seminary: Correspondence, newsletters, etc.
Lemont: St. Vincent de Paul Seminary: clippings, etc.; *Medallion* (yearbook) 1965-1968

LOUISIANA (c. 9.5 ft.)
Donaldsonville: St. Vincent’s Seminary (in Ascension Parish)
New Orleans: St. Joseph’s Parish (and New Orleans in general):
Financial records, CM meetings, visitation book, clippings, receipts, newspapers; Correspondence of Frs. Nugent, Ponent, Verrina
New Orleans: St. Katherine Parish (and other Louisiana locations)
New Orleans: St. Stephen's Parish (and Seminary at Bouligny, also called Jefferson City): historical materials and financial records

MISSOURI (c. 24 ft.)
Cape Girardeau: St. Vincent's College
- Record Books (Nos. 01-117, in 20 boxes); Correspondence 1882-1893; Class Records, real estate; financial records, College Message Volumes I-V; unbound copies of College Message, with The Dial, Cape Newsletter, Spartan Quarterly; catalogs, programs, student publications; deeds and financial statements; manuscript history, "God Is Wonderful," land grants; yearbooks; bills and receipts; oversized record books; real estate books; 1849 diploma

Cape Girardeau: St. Vincent's Church: parish records, financial records, sermons, newspaper clippings and historical miscellany

Cape Girardeau: Holy Family Church, photo album

Kansas City: St. John's Seminary: visitation book, newspapers and yearbooks

Kansas City: St. Vincent's Parish: scrapbooks, photos, correspondence; activities; financial records; announcements visitation book

St. Louis: Cardinal Glennon College/St. Louis Preparatory Seminary:
- Handbooks, yearbooks, miscellaneous records

St. Louis: Kenrick Seminary: dedication, catalogs, financial records, visitation book, miscellaneous clippings and notes; pre-Kenrick Seminary theology seminaries (building brick, etc.)

St. Louis: St. Louis Preparatory Seminary (South): miscellaneous clippings, accreditation records

St. Louis: St. Vincent's Parish: scrapbooks, photos, correspondence, activities, financial records, announcement books; CM house records

St. Louis archdiocese: synods, yearbooks, miscellaneous printed materials

OKLAHOMA (c. 0.6 ft.)
Bethany: St. Francis Seminary: visitation book, financial records

TEXAS (c. 8.4 ft.)
Beaumont: St. Vincent de Paul Seminary: Yearbooks, Southern Vincentian

Dallas: Holy Trinity Church
Dallas: Dallas University (in 13 boxes): Brochures, construction papers and contracts; financial, insurance and legal papers; correspondence, 1905-1929, 1931; trustees; deeds and business papers; ledger books, accounts receivable; school activities, advertising, army training; history, activities, Quarterly Bulletin; Diaries; Voucher records; scrapbooks, financial; Cuts for UD newspaper; Logs, "The Inkhorn," records; financial; stock certificates; pledge cards; correspondence, maps.

San Antonio: Assumption Seminary
San Antonio: St. John's Seminary

FOREIGN MISSIONS (c. 1 ft.)
China: (see also under personal papers of Bishops Sheehan, Misner, Quinn, and photo files)
Maps, letters, seals of Yukiang diocese; printed histories
Taiwan: (see also under papers of individual missionaries)
Yearbooks, visitation books, directories; marble memorial plaques

Souvay Collection (Early letters and manuscripts; note: these materials are arranged chronologically, bound in notebooks; some items are duplicated in the microfilm correspondence with Superior General) (c. 15 ft.)
DuBourg Letters, 1810-1833, 6 vols;
Rosati: letters, 1814-1843, 23 vols; Life (Vita di Monsignor Giuseppe Rosati) 2 vols; Memoirs (Memoire sur l'Establissement de la Congregation de la Mission dans Les États Unis d'Amerique) 2 vols; Memoirs, 1 vol.; Diary, 1822-1840, 6 vols;
Letters to Propaganda Fide, 3 vols; Letters from Bishop Rese, 1 vol.
Blanc (Bp. of New Orleans), Propaganda Fide letters, 1 vol.
Timon, Letters, 1837-1857, 6 vols. (See also Notre Dame University Microfilm Collection)
DeNeckere, letters, 1818-1833, 2 vols.
Odin, Letters, 1836-1865, 3 vols; Diary, 1 vol.
Masnou, J., Letters, 1 vol.
Lynch, Letters, 1 vol.
DeAndreis: Conferences, 2 vols. (2 copies: A and B); Letters, 1812-1820, 2 vols;
Documents about Sisters of Charity, 2 vols.
Filicchi, Anthony, Letters to Elizabeth Seton, 1 vol.
Seton, Elizabeth, Diary, 2 vols; Letters, Index, 2 vols. (2 copies: A and B); Letters, 1798-1820, 3 vols.
Negatives of some of Souvay Collection (some negatives badly deteriorated)
Photos of unsorted letters, 4 vols.
Alphabetical collection of letters, 4 vols. (Index of letters)
Philippine Duchesne, Diary (photostat) 1837-1839; note: does not form a part of Souvay Collection
Card Catalogue, in 9 drawers, of Souvay’s notes on Community and American Catholic history; other items included.

Provincial Works (c. 16.3 ft.)
Motor Mission files; Crusade Courses: Correspondence, Tests/Materials
*The Vincentian* (magazine) 1923-1950 (incomplete set)
The Vincentian photo files, arranged by subject, alphabetically
Vincentian Foreign Mission Society, includes two unboxed account books

Eastern Province (c. 2.1 ft.)
MARYLAND
Baltimore: Immaculate Conception Church

MASSACHUSETTS
Springfield: Mission house

NEW YORK
Brooklyn: St. John’s University
Niagara Falls: Niagara University/Our Lady of Angels Seminary

PENNSYLVANIA
Germantown, Philadelphia: St. Vincent’s Seminary
Northampton: Mary Immaculate Seminary: *Heri-Hodie* (student publication) Vols. 6-37, 1934-1965 (incomplete)
Daughters of Charity (c. 3.1 ft.)
Various materials, booklets, brochures, history, etc. Mother Seton Materials (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Ladies of Charity (c. 1.2 ft.)
History, Correspondence, Minutes

Papers of Individuals (c. 50.8 ft.)
Bayard, Ralph: extensive materials in 29 boxes; secondary material, arranged by author; card index available in Souvay collection catalogue; unclassified miscellany, arranged chronologically; materials pertaining, in general, to the following: Rosati, Timon, Lynch, DeNeckere: Lone-Star Vanguard files. (c. 14.5 ft.)
Bereswill, Louis: letters to and from, on China; photos
Brennan, William: papers
Byrne, Patrick V.: sermons
Donovan, Joseph: unsorted correspondence, in 14 boxes (c. 11.5 ft.)
Eigel, William: notes for dissertation on St. Vincent
Finney, Joseph: papers, photos
Huber, Oscar: notes on John Kennedy assassination
Hueber, Stephen Paul: papers
Lewis, J. J. (Cassock worn when attacked by Chinese soldiers)
Martinez, Juan: papers, sermon notes, photos
McCabe, Francis X.: sermons, 1897-1905
Meinhard, Hubert: on Kennedy assassination
Nugent, Francis: scrapbooks
O'Connell, Michael: papers
O'Malley, Martin: papers, classnotes, sermon notes
O'Regan, Patrick M.: diary
Quinn, Bishop Charles: letters, notes
Rubi, Miguel: sermons
Ryan, Abram J.: notebook, information about
Saracini, James: musical scores for church use
Shaw, Thomas: papers, notes, correspondence, diaries, notes on history of Province; transcripts of Rosati letters
Sheehan, Bishop Edward: letters, papers
Souvay, Charles: classnotes, lectures, notes on history of Province
Weldon, Thomas: diaries, 1877-1927
Winne, Marshall: travel diaries, 1941-1949

Individual diaries and journals: R. Delany, Coppinger, Platish,
M.S. Ryan (1891-1892); some unknown; Dockery, A.J. Meyer, Donnell, George Waterman

Individual scrapbooks

Perkinson, H. (non-CM) 15 boxes of writings, class notes, personal correspondence

Photos (c. 25.6 ft.)
Negative file (in metal box)

CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles: St. Vincent’s Church, Dohenys, dedication

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Washington, House of Studies

MISSOURI (General, mixed locations); also Cape Girardeau, St. Vincent’s College; with Brewer: St. Vincent’s Church

TEXAS: Dallas, Dallas University; Holy Trinity Church with various locations, unidentified persons and locations

MIXED STATES: A-Z, various institutions
Furlong (Rev. Edward) Collection of prints and negatives, chiefly of St. Mary’s Seminary, Perryville
Sheehy (Rev. Maurice), three photo albums, of Cape, Perryville and family pictures,
  Individuals: boxes of individuals, bishops, mixed and some unknown

Eastern and Western Province: tercentenary of deaths of St. Vincent and Louise de Marillac (1960); Provincialis of Western Province; Bishops; St. Catherine Laboure

Oversized materials: newspaper histories, e.g., of St. Louis, New Orleans, with photos
Diplomas from various confreres; oversized materials containing
  Diplomas; Becker Family Burs; Documents of Bishop Quinn

China/Formosa
Collection A: 23 albums, with captions and identifications
China: loose photos
Formosa: loose photos
Formosa: albums of Bishops Sheehan and Quinn; general albums
Formosa photo file (in metal box)
Recorded tapes, films, records of China/Formosa

Paul Lloyd Collection of Motion Picture Film: 100 reels of motion picture film, with a general index to contents; mainly from China; some Taiwan, some USA and personal films, 1930s-40s.

Oral History
Cassette tapes of:
1. James W. Richardson, on Kenya Mission, Dec. 1980
2. Robert Miget, on his recollections, April 1981

Blueprints and Architectural Drawings
(Kept in two cabinets on Level 2S)

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If members of the Double Family have books, diaries, or any material which they think might have some archival value, they are invited to forward same to the archivist of his/her respective Province.

It is a maxim of the Saints that a thing of importance concerning the glory of God and the good of the Church which has been done, after serious prayer and consultation, must be regarded as having been well done.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL