

**College of the Holy Cross
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Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2003-02**

Collection Name (Title): **Ahearn, Rev. Joseph D. S.J., Papers**

Dates of Material: **1917-1963**

Size of Collection: **1 Box**

Arrangement:

Restrictions: **None**

Related Material:

Preferred Citation: **Rev. Joseph D. Ahern, S.J. Papers**

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Joseph D. Ahearn, S.J. (1894-1981) was born in Framingham, MA and attended Boston College High School. He graduated from Georgetown University and received a masters' degree from Gonzaga University. In 1916, he entered the novitiate at St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie NY, and later studied philosophy at Woodstock College and at St. Michaels' College in Spokane, WA. After teaching at Georgetown University and at Loyola School in New York, Rev. Ahearn studied theology at Woodstock College and at Weston College. He was ordained in 1929.

Rev. Ahearn began teaching classical languages at Holy Cross College in 1930, and taught here until 1967. He was a member of the New England Classical Association. He retired in 1967.

Scope and Content Note:

The first two folders contain Rev. Ahern's correspondence dating from 1917-1963. The first folder contains personal letters dating 1916-1948 from family members; some congratulating him for going into the priesthood and some Christmas greetings. The condition of some of the letters is poor, and some are incomplete. The second folder dates from 1951-1963 and contains correspondence between Rev. Ahern and his colleagues, many dealing with matters concerning Holy Cross. In addition, there are letters from family members regarding Rev. Ahern's health and the health of his family. Within folder 4, is Ahern's undated hospital visitation book and folder 5 contains his

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personal diary/address book from 1921. The diary contains few written entries but a considerable amount of addresses. In folder 5 there are miscellaneous items including certificates, awards, Mass cards. In folder 6 there are 14 photographs.

Box and Folder List:

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1916-1948
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 1951-1963
- Folder 3: Hospital Visitation Book, Undated
- Folder 4: Diary and Address Book, 1921
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous Items, 1917-1961
- Folder 6: Photographs