

**College of the Holy Cross  
Archives and Special Collections  
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2004-49**

Collection Name (Title): **Boylan, Rev. Bernard R., S.J., Papers**

Dates of Material: **1931-1978**

Size of Collection: **1 Box**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

**Biography/History:**

Bernard Boylan was born on May 5, 1905 in Woonsocket, RI to Matthew and Sadie (Burns) Boylan. He entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1924. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College, and taught at Holy Cross from 1931 to 1932 before studying at Weston College. He was ordained on June 21, 1936. He then taught Classics at Holy Cross, was treasurer and was assistant to the president. From 1943 to 1946 he served as a Navy chaplain in Australia, the Philippines and New Guinea, where he was awarded the Navy-Marine Corps medal. He returned to Holy Cross as vice president and administrator from 1951 to 1955. He was pastor of St. Mary's Church in Boston's North End from 1955 to 1961, and served as administrator at several other Jesuit communities in New England. He died on January 29, 1978 in Worcester, MA.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains material that mainly documents Rev. Boylan's religious life. Folder 1 contains both typed and written correspondence dating from 1977. There are letters from the Society of Jesus, as well as personal letters. Folder 2 holds his Renewal of Baptismal Promises, undated, as well as two documents in Latin, one from 1931 the other from 1939. Folder 3 includes loose-leaf, undated sermons. Folder 4 contains a catalogue of where he gave sermons, as well as the sermon's subject. This list ranges from the late 1960s to 1973. Folder 4 contains undated sermons and prayers. Folder 5

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has his Eulogy and personal records. Folder 6 has his Jesuit medallion, a crucifix, and his Military Corps medal.

**Box and Folder List:**

- Folder 1: Personal Correspondence
- Folder 2: Renewal of Baptismal Promises
- Folder 3: Sermons and Writings
- Folder 4: Sermons and Writings
- Folder 5: Eulogy and Records
- Folder 6: Medal and Crucifix