

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

Accession Number: **SC2004-51**

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

Dates of Material: **1960s – 1980s**

Size of Collection: **3 Boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

**Biography/History:**

Joseph Busam was born on June 26, 1892 to Joseph F. and Mary Ellen (McCusker) Busam. He graduated from Medford High School and attended Boston College for one year before entering the Society of Jesus at Saint Andre-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1911. He undertook the study of philosophy and science at Woodstock College from 1915-1918 and received an M.A. in science. Busam taught biology at Boston College and then at Canisius College. He was ordained on June 28, 1925. In 1929, Rev. Busam came to Holy Cross to teach biology and spent forty years teaching here. In his long tenure, Rev. Busam was the pre-medical advisor and assisted in planning the construction of O'Neil Hall. He was also Professor Emeritus of Biology. He died on August 13, 1980.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains Father Busam's personal correspondence with the Knights of Columbus, dating from 1961-1980, as well as legal papers. Additionally, there are miscellaneous invitations and anniversary records. The second box contains miscellaneous family portraits and vacation photographs dating from the 1930s through the 1970s, most of which are black and white.

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**Box and Folder List:**

Box 1: Records

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1961-1980
- Folder 2: Certificates, Legal papers
- Folder 3: Anniversaries, Invitations
- Folder 4: Anniversaries, Records
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous items

Box 2: Photographs

- Folder 1: Family
- Folder 2: Portraits
- Folder 3: Students
- Folder 4: Jamaica
- Folder 5: Art
- Folder 6: Military
- Folder 7: Negatives

Box 3: Photograph Album, 1916-1917

- Photographs of family, priest groups, Coney Island, Misc.