

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

Accession Number:

Collection Name (Title): **Catholic Alumni Sodality of Our Lady of Worcester
County Records**

Dates of Material: **1945-2011**

Size of Collection: **17 Boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions: None

Related Material:

Preferred Citation: **Catholic Alumni Sodality of Our Lady of Worcester County
Records**

Processed on: **2012**

Biography/History:

The Sodalities of Our Lady were founded in the sixteenth century and were traditionally associated with the Society of Jesus. The Worcester chapter was a men's group founded in 1945 and dedicated to a vigorous living of their Christian faith. Ignatian Retreats played a major role in their decision to live their faith. The Sodality also held a special devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus, Their activities involved charitable works, donations, volunteer works, etc. While membership was open to Catholic men in the County, a large percentage of the members were alumni of Holy Cross. Meetings were held on the College campus and spiritual advisors were Jesuits from the Holy Cross College community. Most active from the 1940's through the 1980's, the organization disbanded in 2011.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains 16 boxes of records including correspondence, financial records, prayers and homilies, records of meetings and membership, retreat records, scrapbooks and photographs of retreat participants. A large collection of clippings relating to the Catholic Church, and the diocese of Worcester has been discarded. Biographical information about Holy Cross College alumni has been filed in the alumni biographical files in the College Archives.

Box and Folder List:

Series 1 – Correspondence

Box #1

- Folders 1- 14: Correspondence, 1940s-2006: undated
- Folder 15: Correspondence with sodalists who have moved away
- Folder 16: Correspondence with retreat director, 1969-1984

Series 2 – Records and Record Books

Box #1

- Folder 1: Sodalities: history, customs, policies, 1968, undated
- Folder 2: “Notes for the Well-Informed Sodalist,” 1985
- Folder 3: Fundamental Aspects of General Principles, 1968
- Folder 4: Archives Notes, undated
- Folder 5: Officer lists, 1963-1984, undated
- Folder 6: Bylaws, officers’ responsibilities 1980, 1993-1999, undated
- Folder 7: Phone network, roster, explanation, 1980, undated
- Folder 8: Meeting cards 1964-1985
- Folder 9: Meeting notes 1968-1993, undated
- Folder 10: Meetings notices 1963-2000s, undated
- Folder 11: Meeting agendas 1998-2001, undated
- Folder 12: Misc. attendance records 1962-1985, undated
- Folder 13: Study Club: history, topics covered, 1947-1957
- Folder 14: Sodality library, undated
- Folder 15: Sodality website, 2004
- Folder 16: Floor plans, undated
- Folder 17: Annual dinners for Father Rector, 1947-1967

Box #2

- Folder 1: Solemn reception 1946-1979, undated
- Folder 2: Solemn reception procedures, 1982, undated
- Folder 3: Applications, 1992, undated
- Folder 4: Annual meeting schedules, 1964-2006
- Folder 5: Membership rosters 2006, undated
- Folder 6: Masses, 1965-1969, 1977-1979, undated
- Folder 7: Annual schedules for speakers, 1983-1984, 2000-2006
- Folder 8: Solemn exposition, 1964-1978
- Folder 9: Annual financial reports, 1947-1955, 1981-1997
- Folder 10: Financial records, 1963-2006
- Folder 11: Prayers
- Folder 12: Miscellaneous rituals, undated

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Box #3

- Folder 1: Charity efforts, 1964-2006, undated
- Folder 2: Christmas donations, 1997-2000
- Folder 3: Hospital volunteers, lists, duties, notes 1961, undated
- Folder 4: Speakers, speeches, biographies, resumes, 1979-2006
- Folder 5: Homilies 1944, 1973, 1984, undated
- Folder 6: Medals, undated

Box #4

- Folder 1: Honoring Father Foran, 1968, 1981
- Folder 2: Alumni Sodality Award, history, correspondence, 1951-1963
- Folder 3: "Prime Primaria" essay contest letters, forms, winners, 1962-1968
- Folder 4: Suggestions, 1976-1985
- Folder 5: Candidates lists, guidelines: 1983-1985, undated
- Folder 6: Deceased members, undated
- Folder 7: Sex education, birth control, abortion 1976-1978, undated
- Folder 8: National Federation of Christian Life Communities, 1975, 1977, undated
- Folder 9: Mary in Islam, undated
- Folder 10: Father Joseph Ryan Middle East tour, 1970-1974
- Folder 11: Ritual, customs for the deceased 1978, undated
- Folder 12: Wake services 1980, undated
- Folder 13: Jubilarians: programs and lists, 1968-2006
- Folder 14: Silver Jubilee Ceremony, 1970-1971
- Folder 15: Report to Professional Sodality Interchange, 1964
- Folder 16: Solemn Day of Preparation and Prayer, 1952-1968

Box #5

- Alumni Hall Registration Book, 1950-1985
- Alumni Hall Registration Book, 1986-1992
- Carlin Hall Registration Book, 1950-1985
- Roll Book, 1945-1948
- Roll Book, 1948-1950
- Roll Book, 1950- 1952
- Roll Book, 1952-1953
- Secretary's Register, 1948-1950
- Overview of the Historical Development, Christian Life Communities
- General Principles and General Norms Sodality Rules
- Professional Sodality Interchange, October 3-4, 1964
- Apostleship of Prayer and Sacred Heart Devotion
- Mrs. Ellen M. Foran Sodality Medal

Box #6

- General Principles
- Sodality Rooms
- Sodality National Regional Congresses Interchanges, etc. Volume 1
- Sodality National Regional Congresses Interchanges, etc. Volume 2

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Box #7

Liturgy Commentator, 1964-1970
Liturgy Commentator, 1970-1974
Liturgy Commentator, 1974-1976

Box #8

Record book: Meeting of Council of Main Officers, 1964-1982
Roll Book, 1950-1966
Apostleship of Prayer Register
Correspondence in Praise of the Sodality

Box #9

Treasurer's Record
Master Register Vol. I, 1945-1946 to 1980-1981
Master Register Vol. II, 1981-1982 to 1986-1987

Box #10

Sodalist Roll

Box #11

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Annual Retreat Archives, 1947-1999
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Annual Retreat Archives, 2000-2011

Series 3 – Retreats

Box #1 – Retreat Papers

Folder 1: Misc. retreat papers, lists, notes, undated
Folder 2: Retreat prayers, undated
Folder 3: Retreat officers: duties, announcements, undated

Box #2 – Retreat Papers

Folder 1-21: Retreats, 1964-1984

Box #3 – Retreat Papers

Folder 1-19: Retreats, 1985-2004

Box #4 – Alumni Sodality of Our Lady Scrapbooks

Scrapbook 1: 1945-1948
Scrapbook 2: 1948-1950
Scrapbook 3: 1950-1952
Scrapbook 4: 1952-1954

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Box #5 – Alumni Sodality of Our Lady Scrapbooks

Scrapbook 5: 1954-1956
Scrapbook 6: 1960-1961
Scrapbook 7: 1963
Scrapbook 8: 1960s-1970s

Series 4 – Photos

Box #1

Folders 1-22: Retreat Photos, 1947-2005; undated
Folder 23: Retreat Group Photos, undated
Alumni Sodality Photo Slides/Negatives