

**College of the Holy Cross
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Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2000-08**

Collection Name (Title): **Deedy, John “Jack” Papers**

Dates of Material: **1948-1996**

Size of Collection: **10 Boxes**

Arrangement: **3 Series**

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on: Nov. 2002 Gift of Jack Deedy, July 1959

Biography/History:

John “Jack” G. Deedy, Jr. was born in Worcester, MA in 1923. He graduated from Holy Cross in 1948 and went on to study at Trinity College in Dublin. A writer by profession, he worked at the Worcester Telegram & Gazette starting in high school. He was asked by Bishop Wright to become the founding editor of the Worcester-based *Catholic Free Press*, a position he held from 1951 – 1959. He was editor of *The Pittsburgh Catholic* from 1959 – 1967, and managing editor of *Commonweal* from 1967 – 1978. He wrote over 20 books and published articles on a variety of topics in several magazines and newspapers. Deedy died on April 13, 2006.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of correspondence and writings of Jack Deedy arranged in four series. Series 1 consists of 3 boxes of records. It contains Deedy’s personal correspondence with Bishop Wright from 1951 to 1981. This correspondence, a mixture of handwritten and typed letters, mostly concerned with editorials and newspapers. There are letters from Pittsburg and postcards from when Deedy visited Rome. Finally there are newspaper clippings, personal notes, as well as Bishop Wright’s will. Series 2 consists of boxes 4 - 6. This series includes miscellaneous correspondence from 1951-1958. The majority of this correspondence is from newspaper editors from the Catholic

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press across the country. Most of this correspondence is typewritten and some include photocopies of newspaper articles. Boxes 7 - 9 make up Series 3. This series contains photocopied articles written by Deedy and published in various Catholic magazines and newspapers. The articles are arranged by publication, and include magazines, "Ave Maria," "Generation," and "The Critic." Deedy's topics are diverse, yet all center on contemporary Catholic issues. The articles date from the 1950s though the 1990s. Series 4 is box 10 which contains Jack Deedy's scrapbook. It includes photographs and newspaper clippings from Deedy's years at Holy Cross and particularly focuses on Holy Cross sports teams from the 1930s and 1940s.

Box and Folder List:

Series 1: Correspondence with Bishop Wright

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
1	1-7	1951-1958
	8	1959, Pittsburgh, PA
	9	1959, Worcester, MA

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
2	1-4	1960-1963
	5-6	1964, Rome
	7-10	1965-1969

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
3	1-8	1970-1978
	9	1981, Will of Bishop Wright

Series 2: Miscellaneous Correspondence

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
4	1-8	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1951-1958

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
5	1-11	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1959-1983

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
6	1-2	Correspondence
6	1-2	Correspondence with Mrs. Herbert M. Dawes
6	3-4	Correspondence with Bishop Dozier
6	5	Correspondence with Dorothy G. Wayman
6	6	Correspondence with Donald J. Thorman
6	7	Correspondence about moving to Pittsburgh, 1959
6	8	2 Copies of "The Philosophy of Responsibility" by Bishop Wright, 1959
6	9	Donor Information, Processing Notes, and Miscellaneous Materials

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Series 3: Photocopies of Articles written by Deedy

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
7	1	<i>Ave Maria</i> , 1956-1964
7	2-6	<i>The Critic</i> , 1960-1995
7	7	<i>Generation</i> , 1980-1982
7	8	<i>Ici</i> , 1975-1983
7	9	<i>L'Actualite Religieuse</i> , 1983-1986

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
8	1	<i>Rocca</i> , 1968-1974
8	2	<i>St. Jude</i> , 1955-1962
8	3-5	<i>The Tablet</i> , 1980-1996
8	6	<i>Theology Today</i> , 1973-1984

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
9	1-5	<i>US Catholic</i> , 1960-1990
9	6	Copy of "The Day I Got Babe Ruth's Autograph", <i>Worcester Magazine</i> , 1996
9	7-11	Miscellaneous Articles, 1949-1991
9	12	Miscellaneous Articles, Undated

Series 4 Scrapbook

BOX	FOLDER	TITLE
10	1	Scrapbook