College of the Holy Cross
Archives and Special Collections
Collection Inventory

Accession Number: SC2004-65

Collection Name (Title): Derry, George Herman, Papers

Dates of Material: c.1911-1934

Size of Collection: 11 Boxes

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:
George Herman Derry was from Portland, ME and attended Holy Cross from 1895-96. He left to pursue his studies at The Catholic University of Paris. Derry joined the Society of Jesus, but left due to his health. He received his Ph.D. in Education and returned to Holy Cross as a professor of Latin, Greek, and English from 1906-1908. He received an honorary degree from Holy Cross in 1908. Derry became principal of the Jordan High School of Lewiston, ME. He chaired the political science department at Bryn Mawr and the philosophy department at Marquette University. He became president of Marygrove College in Detroit, MI, the first lay president of a Catholic women’s college in the U.S. Derry was president of Marygrove College from 1927-1937. He was married to Agnes Mann and had three children. He died on January 18, 1949.

Scope and Content Note:
This collection documents Derry’s career as an educator. Box 1 contains miscellaneous correspondence, both handwritten and typewritten, dating from 1929-1931. Boxes 2-4 contain notebooks, 1934-1945, with handwritten lecture notes, reflections and newspaper clippings. Box 5 contains Derry’s speeches and notes arranged by subject. Box 6 contains Derry’s major lectures as well as newspaper articles reporting the lecture from the 1920s. Most of the speeches are typewritten with notes in the margins. In Box 7 there are Derry’s sociology and philosophy lectures, curriculums, and brochures from
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Marygrove College dating from 1936. Box 8 includes additional speeches and class lectures from Marygrove and St. Joseph’s College, as well as undated black and white photographs and campaign posters. Box 9 includes Derry’s notes, opinions, and articles on liberal arts education as well as scholasticism, dated from the early 1930s - 1940s. Derry’s loose-leaf academic notes from 1928-1935 are in Box 10 and 11. These notes are handwritten and are arranged by subject. Finally, there is one folder in Box 11 that contains miscellaneous academic notes from the 1940s.

**Box and Folder List:**

**Box #1 - Correspondence**
- Folder 1: Misc. Correspondence
- Folder 2: Misc. Correspondence
- Folder 3: Condolence Letters

**Box #2 - Notebooks**
- Folder 1: Notebook 1A
- Folder 2: Notebook 1B
- Folder 3: Notebook 2A
- Folder 4: Notebook 2B
- Folder 5: Notebook 3A
- Folder 6: Notebook 3B

**Box #3 - Notebooks**
- Folder 1: Notebook 1A
- Folder 2: Notebook 1B
- Folder 3: Notebook 2A
- Folder 4: Notebook 2B
- Folder 5: Notebook 3A
- Folder 6: Notebook 3B

**Box #4 - Notebooks, Misc. Publications**
- Folder 1: Notebook 1A
- Folder 2: Notebook 1B
- Folder 3: Notebook 2
- Folder 4: Speeches and Publications

**Box #5 - Addresses and Speeches**
- Folder 1: Foreign Language Speeches
- Folder 2: Educational Addresses
- Folder 3: Commencement Addresses #1
- Folder 4: Commencement Addresses #2
- Folder 5: Addresses- Miscellaneous #1
- Folder 6: Addresses- Miscellaneous #2

**Box #6 - Writings**
- Folder 1: Mexico Speech (and response)
- Folder 2: Russia (lecture and response)
- Folder 3: Mussolini (paper)
- Folder 4: Rivera Murals
Box #6- Writings
   Folder 5: Mexico Speech (and response)
   Folder 6: Propaganda
   Folder 7: Birth Prevention and Sterilization
Box #7- Writings and Editorials
   Folder 1: Education- Marygrove Idea: 21 Bulletins
   Folder 2: Marygrove Idea- Revised- 31 Bulletins
   Folder 3: Social Philosophy and Reform
   Folder 4: Social Justice Editorials
   Folder 5: Philosophical Studies
Box #8- Writings
   Folder 1: Money #1
   Folder 2: Money #2
   Folder 3: Money Lectures
   Folder 4: Photographs/Campaign Posters
   Folder 5: St. Joseph’s Syllabi and Bulletins
   Folder 6: St. Joseph’s College
   Folder 7: Divinity and Mystical Body of Christ
   Folder 8: Catholic Action
   Folder 9: Ethics Special
   Folder 10: Miscellaneous Articles
Box #9- Education
   Folder 1: Introductions
   Folder 2: Scholasticism #1
   Folder 3: Scholasticism #2
   Folder 4: General Education
   Folder 5: Liberal Education
   Folder 6: Higher Education #1
   Folder 7: Higher Education #2
Box #10- Notes
   Folder 1: Catholic Education and Vocation
   Folder 2: Miracles Notes
   Folder 3: Natural Theology Notes
   Folder 4: Winged Words #1 Notes
   Folder 5: Winged Words #2 Notes
Box #11- Notes
   Folder 1: Ireland
   Folder 2: Dante
   Folder 3: Newman
   Folder 4: Personality
   Folder 6: Miscellaneous Academic Notes