

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

Accession Number: **SC2004-13**

Collection Name (Title): **Flavin, Rev. John W., S.J., Papers**

Dates of Material: **1940s – 1950s**

Size of Collection: **1 Box**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

**Biography/History:**

John Flavin was born on July 16, 1914 in Dorchester, MA to William and Agnes (Murphy) Flavin. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1932 with a degree in classics, and he received his B.A. from Boston College in 1936. He entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1936, and he spent two years studying at Weston College. He received an M.S. in biology in 1943. He was ordained on June 21, 1947. Flavin received his doctorate in biology in 1954 from Brown University. He taught biology at Boston College before transferring to Holy Cross in 1958. He continued to teach biology, histology, genetics, and bio-ethics at Holy Cross until his retirement in 1984. From 1963-1976 he was chair of the science department. At his retirement, he was named a Professor Emeritus of Biology. He died on May 28, 1985.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains Rev. Flavin's personal writings, including copies of his master's thesis that he wrote in 1943. Additionally, the collection includes his doctoral dissertation that he finished in 1953. There are 3 folders containing undated, written materials for retreats as well as an undated folder of his sermons. Lastly, there are his medical ethics and study cases as well as color slides dating from 1977. The slides contain mostly landscape images, and there are some from Egypt. All of his writings are type-written, with some containing handwritten corrections in the margins.

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**Box and Folder List:**

Box #1: Folder 1: Personal material

Folder 2: Master's thesis, 1943

Folder 3: Doctoral dissertation, typescript, 1953

Folder 4: Doctoral dissertation, bound version, 1953

Folder 5: Homily at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rev. Joseph F. Busam, S.J.

Folder 6: Miscellaneous writings

Folder 7: Retreats

Folder 8: Retreats

Folder 9: Retreats

Folder 10: Sermons

Folder 11: Medical ethics and study cases