

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

Accession Number: **SC2004-14**

Collection Name (Title): **Foley, Rev. John P., S.J. Naval Diary**

Dates of Material: **1942-1945**

Size of Collection: **1 Box: 2 items**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

John Foley was born on June 6, 1904. He entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1932, and was ordained on June 21, 1936. He taught at Holy Cross from 1930 to 1933. Foley was Freshman Dean at Boston College in 1942 when joined the Navy as a Chaplain. Rev. Foley served on an attack transport from June 1942 to March 1944, and on an escort carrier from January to November 1945. He kept a journal which recorded his activity and that of the ships he served on. He died on October 21, 1995.

Scope and Content Note:

The Collection includes a 534 page diary of Rev. Foley's experience as a naval chaplain during WWII from April 1942 until January 1945. Rev. Foley was on board ships that took part in both the Atlantic and the Pacific theaters. Rev. Foley gives an account of his day-to-day actions while at sea and includes battle descriptions and sermons which he delivered while a chaplain. Also included in the collection is a Missal containing his military assignments from April 1942 until January 1945 written on the inside cover.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1:

Item 1: Missal

Item 2: Typescript Diary, April 1942-January 1945