

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

Accession Number: **SC2004-20**

Collection Name (Title): **Hart, Rev. Francis J. S.J. Papers**

Dates of Material:

Size of Collection: **1 Box**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

**Biography/History:**

Francis Hart was born on December 3, 1899 in Haverhill, MA a son of Michael J. and Catherine (Tobin) Hart. He came to Holy Cross in 1917 as a freshman and spent two years here before entering the Society of Jesus on September 12, 1918. He was ordained at Weston College on June 16, 1931. He taught at Holy Cross as a Latin and English instructor from 1932 to 1940 and from 1946 to 1953. He became student counselor in 1940 and acted in the office for 24 years. He was associate chaplain and was well known for leading student retreats. He was director of intramural sports and in 1973 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Holy Cross Varsity Club. In 1974, Holy Cross's new athletic complex was named for Fr. Hart. He died on February 3, 1986. Rev. Hart was a social activist during the 1960's and was well recognized on campus by his Stetson hat.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains personal writings of Rev. Francis Hart. Included in the collection is personal correspondence of Rev. Hart, much of which is with his mother. There are also a variety of retreat notes written and typed by Rev. Hart. The collection also contains sermons and sermon notes concerning major feast days. Along with miscellaneous writings and documents, the collection also contains photographs of Rev. Hart's family. Rev. Hart's Stetson hat is located in the College Archives

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**Box and Folder List:**

**Box #1:**

- Folder 1: Personal Correspondence, 1917 – 1977
- Folder 2: Correspondence with Family, 1917 – 1941
- Folder 3: Retreat Material, 1925
- Folder 4: Retreat Material, 1927
- Folder 5: Personal Retreat Notes, 1953
- Folder 6: Retreat Materials, undated
- Folder 7: Sermons and Writings, 1922 – 1943, undated
- Folder 8: Sermons and Notes, 1922 – 1969, undated
- Folder 9: Sermons, undated
- Folder 10: Novena of Grace
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous Unidentified Writings
- Folder 12: Personal Photographs