

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

Accession Number: **SC 2004-35**

Collection Name (Title): **Prendergast, Rev. Joseph S.J. Papers**

Dates of Material: **1870s-1920s**

Size of Collection: **5 boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History

Rev. Joseph Prendergast, S.J. was born in Clinton, MA on Feb. 2, 1856 and attended College of the Holy Cross from 1874-1877. He left in 1877 to enter the Society of Jesus at the Novitiate in Frederick, MD. He taught at Fordham University and Georgetown University before becoming ordained as a priest in 1892 in Woodstock, MD. Rev. Prendergast then taught at St. Peter's College, N.J. Loyola College, and Holy Cross 1897 to 1898 before teaching in Kingston, Jamaica for three years. He returned to Holy Cross in 1919 as professor of advanced English. He died December 7, 1924 at the age of 68.

Scope and Content Note:

Contents:

Box 1 contains small amounts of correspondence, receipts and miscellaneous items as well as photographs and a stole. The second box contains undated books with financial information including account books with personal accounts, students' accounts and other financial matters. Many of these volumes include personal notes of a religious nature as well as addresses and other information. Most of the volumes are incomplete with scattered entries. Box 3 contains record books with religious writings, sermons or lecture notes all of which are undated. Box 4 contains handwritten sermons and lectures that date from the early 1900s to 1924 and undated. Box 5 contains record books with retreat notes by Rev. Prendergast. Some of these volumes also appear to have sermon notes as well. They are dated 1874-1920 and undated.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1: Personal Materials

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1905-1918
- Folder 2: Invoices and receipts, 1904-1921, undated
- Folder 3: Misc. Items
- Folder 4: Printed items
- Folder 5: Photographs- 1890s
- Folder 6: Stole

Box 2: Record Books

- Folder 1: 2 Notebook on Jesuit Rules, Constitution, etc., 1877; undated
- Folder 2: 1894 Diary, used for notes and addresses, undated
- Folder 3: Latin work Book, 1899
- Folder 4: Address book with accounts, 1909
- Folder 5: 1898 Diary, used to record Communion at St. George's Church, Somerville, MA, 1911
- Folder 6: Account book- student expenses, 1912
- Folder 7: Personal account book, 1917
- Folder 8: Memo book, 1917
- Folder 9: Canisius College S.A. T.C. Account book, 1918
- Folder 10: Diary, 1920-21; with religious notes in Latin
- Folder 11: Notebook, Misc. information, Lyrics, undated
- Folder 12: Address book, undated
- Folder 13: Account book, Masses and Sanctuary Fees, etc., undated
- Folder 14: Student account book, undated
- Folder 15: Account book, (student accounts?), undated
- Folder 16: Scrapbook over personal notebook, undated
- Folder 17: H.C Teachers' Agency Catalog, undated with poetry, notes, etc.

Box 3: Religious Notebooks and Sermon Notebooks

- Folder 1: Religious notebook, undated
- Folder 2: Christian doctrine notebook, undated
- Folder 3: Notebook, religious notes, undated
- Folder 4: Notebook, "Subjects for Sermons, etc." undated
- Folder 5: Sermons notebook, undated
- Folder 6: Sermons Notebook, undated

Box 4: Sermons and Lectures

- Folders 1-4: Misc. Sermons, Undated, 1904-1924
- Folders 5-7: Misc. Lectures- Undated

Box 5: Retreat Records

Folder 1: Four Retreat notebooks, "Arlon"1874-1878

Folder 2: Retreat notebook, 1878

Folder 3: Retreat notebook, 1886

Folder 4: Notebook with retreat and religious notes, "Presented by Fr. Rector"

Folder 5: Retreat notebook, 1889

Folder 6: Retreat notebook, 1905-06

Folder 7: Retreat and Meditation book, 1919-20

Folder 8: Sermon or retreat notebook (partial), undated

Folder 9: Retreat notebook, undated