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