

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

Accession Number: **SC2004-36**

Collection Name (Title): **Reidy, Rev. Maurice F. S.J. Papers**

Dates of Material: **1950s – 1970s**

Size of Collection: **3 Boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

Maurice Reidy was born in Worcester, MA on March 23, 1913. He entered Georgetown University in 1931, and entered the Society of Jesus at Shadowbrook, Lenox, MA on September 7, 1932. He studied theology at Weston College from 1936 to 1945, teaching History at Boston College from 1939 to 1941. He was ordained on June 17, 1944. In 1952 he earned his Ph.D. in History at Harvard University. He came to Holy Cross in 1950 as professor of English constitutional and European History. He served as dean of Holy Cross from 1962 to 1966 and as a member of the board of trustees from 1962 to 1971, all the while continuing to teach. He devoted much of his time to sports, and he was instrumental in starting lacrosse at Holy Cross in the mid-1950s and in having it declared a varsity sport in 1958. He also tutored the varsity football kickers for a number of years. He was inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame in 1981. He died on July 9, 1981.

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Contents:

The papers of Rev. Maurice Reidy, S.J. consist of three boxes of material. The first box has personal correspondence to Rev. Reidy from family, friends, colleagues and Jesuits. The topics include personal information, activities and issues at Holy Cross and its History department, activities of the American Jesuit Historical Conference and other organizations historical organizations. There is correspondence to the Provincial of the

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Jesuit New England Province. There are also letters regarding his Ph. D and articles that he was writing. The second box includes a variety of different materials documenting his life as a Jesuit priest, teacher and scholar. There are folders with retreat notes and sermons, comments on papers written by others, Rev. Reidy's writings, class notes and exams. Rev. Reidy was active in the Civil Air Patrol and the collection includes a folder of records and correspondence of the Civil Air Patrol and a box of his medals.

There are other records of Rev. Reidy in the Holy Cross College Archives located in the Dean's Files.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1: Correspondence

- Folder 1 – 13: Correspondence, undated, 1931-1981
- Folder 14: Correspondence with Rev. Austin G. Schmidt, S.J
- Folder 15: Correspondence with Harvard Graduate School, 1945 – 1952
- Folder 16: Correspondence with W. K. Jordan, President of Radcliffe, 1950-1959; 1965

Box 2: Misc. Records

- Folder 1: Misc. items
- Folder 2: Civil Air Patrol Records, 1977 – 1980
- Folder 3: Sermons/ Homilies
- Folder 4: Retreat Records
- Folder 5: Central College Guest Lecturer Record
- Folder 6: Paper: "The Mission and the Civil Protectorate"
- Folder 7: Comments on drafts of papers
- Folder 8: Writings on history
- Folder 9: Misc. Writings
- Folder 10: Journal entitled "Nomizomen"
- Folder 11: Exams, 1962 – 1979
- Folder 12: Course Information, 1960s – 1980s
- Folder 13: Plaque List

Box 3: Civil Air Patrol Medals