

Reverend George Forbes, O.M.I.

An inventory of his Catholic Church (B.C.) History Collection

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FONDS DESCRIPTION

Forbes, Reverend George, O.M.I., collector, 1898-1969

Catholic Church (B.C.) history collection. - 1900-1969.

53 cm of textual and graphic records

Biographical Sketch:

Reverend George Forbes, O.M.I. was a Roman Catholic priest who acted on behalf of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (B.C.). He was born in Farnham, Quebec on March 29, 1898. After completing his highschool education in Edmonton, Alberta, Forbes undertook religious studies at various institutions in Ontario and Alberta, and was ultimately ordained in Edmonton on December 17, 1921. Forbes then held positions at schools in Edmonton (1922-1928) and Kamloops, British Columbia (1928-1930), and as principal of native schools in Williams Lake (1930-1938), Kakawis (1938-1941), and Cranbrook (1941-1942). He subsequently was a priest at the parish in Powell River, British Columbia (1945-1946), and at St. Augustine's in Vancouver, British Columbia (1946-1955), St. Joseph's in Ottawa (1955-1956), and St. Joseph's in Saskatoon (1956-1957). From 1957 until his death in 1969, Forbes was interested in the history of the Roman Catholic Church and the Oblate fathers in British Columbia, and collected information to support his research and writings on these subjects.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of correspondence, writings, sermons, manuscripts, subject files, scrapbooks, and other material which document the history of the Roman Catholic Church and its priests in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. The majority of records were created or collected by Forbes in the late 1950s and 1960s, when he was at St. Peter's Rectory in New Westminster, B.C.

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of the fonds.

Separated materials: Some books were originally donated with the collection.

Language: Some of the material is written in French.

Restriction: No restrictions on access.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Correspondence. – 1958-1966.

Series consists of correspondence between Forbes and Brother Alban Boucher, O.M.I. concerning historical research.

Title based on contents of series.

Writings. – [1947-1963].

Series consists of Forbes' writings on various religious subjects and accompanying newspaper clippings, magazine clippings, and newsletters.

Title based on contents of series.

Sermons and related records. – [1945-1969].

Series consists of notes for Forbes' sermons, and related newspaper and journal clippings.

Title based on contents of series.

Miscellaneous notes and other material. – [1950-1969].

Series consists of miscellaneous notes, papers, correspondence, articles, newspaper clippings pamphlets, and other textual material pertaining to Forbes' interest in and research regarding the history of the Roman Catholic Church and the lives and achievements of individual priests.

Title based on contents of series.

Manuscripts. – 1958.

Series consists of a manuscript titled "Champions of the Cross" by Dick Diespecker, and an accompanying newspaper article.

Title based on contents of series.

Subject files. – 1900-1969.

Series consists of subject files compiled by Forbes pertaining to various priests, churches, and other religious subjects. Includes notes, newspaper and magazine clippings, papers, articles, pamphlets, programmes, correspondence, photographs, and other documents. Subject files are arranged alphabetically according to subject.

Title based on contents of series.

Scrapbooks.

Title based on contents of series.

FILE LIST

BOX/FOLDER		DATE(S)
<u>Correspondence Series</u>		
1-1	Correspondence	1958-1966
<u>Writings Series</u>		
1-(3-5)	Writings	[1947-1963]
<u>Sermons and related records series</u>		
1-6	Sermons and sermon material	[1945-1969]
<u>Miscellaneous notes and other material series</u>		
1-(7-8)	Miscellaneous	[1950-1969]
<u>Manuscripts series</u>		
1-2	Mss -- "Champions of the Cross"	1958
<u>Subject files series</u>		
2-(1-2)	Biographies	[1941-1967]
2-3	Bittancourt, Joseph "Brother Joe"	1958-1968
2-4	Catholic Schools, B.C.	1951-1952
2-5	Chircuse, Eugene G.	1932-[195-]
2-6	Collins, Patrick Joseph	1938-1961
2-7	Darieu, Paul (1830-1899)	[195-]
2-8	Eastern rites	1958-1968
2-9	Edmonton	1963-1965
2-10	Fort Steele, Fr. Coccola, St. Eugene	1943-1968
2-11	Historical references	1959-1968

2-12	Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vanc. & Father Fay	1900, 1946-1968
2-13	Hope, Wms. Lake, Abbotsford	1949-1967
3-1	Kamloops	[ca. 1962]
3-2	Lemmens, John N. & Eummelen, Henry	1915, 1962
3-3	Lower Fraser	1927, 1964
3-4	Lummi, Washington & Oregon	1951-1961
3-5	Madden (Rev. A.)	1951-1968
3-6	Mallairdville	1959-1966
3-7	Morice, Adrien Gabriel	1927, 1946-1951
3-8	The Oblates in Oregon & B.C. [Trans.]	[196-]
3-9	Okanagan	1954-1968
3-10	O'Keefe Ranch	1964-1969
3-11	Plamondon, Pierre	1949-1955
3-12	Rohr, Victor	1948-1965
3-13	St. Augustine's, Vancouver	[1957]-1969
3-14	St. Eugene Mission	[1968]
3-15	Origin Archdiocese of Vancouver	[196-?]
4-1	St. Joseph's Parish, Ottawa	1956, [1969]
4-2	St. Louis College, Victoria	1965-1968
4-3	St. Mary Magdelene Church	1967
4-4	St. Mary's Mission	1961-1968
4-5	St. Peter's, New Westminster	1917, 1951-1960
4-6	St. Peter's Parish Jubilee	1939, 1960

4-7	Sechelt	[ca. 1962]
4-8	Seymour Margaret "Granny"	1960-1966
4-9	Squamish Reserve	1937, 1957-1967
4-10	Vancouver Island	1949-1968
4-11	Whitehorse, Vicariate	1961-1967
4-12	Willemar, Jules Xavier	1967

Scrapbooks series

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