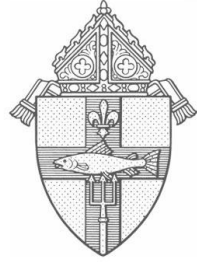


Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Collection
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Guide to the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Papers
Archives of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Collection 008

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Summary Information

Creator: O'Meara, Archbishop Edward T.

Title: Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Papers

Date: August 3, 2021

Extent: 20 linear feet (14 Hollinger boxes), 3 large boxes, six cube boxes

Language: English, Latin

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to researchers at the Archives of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Advance appointments are required for the use of archival materials.

Preferred citation: Published citations should take the following form: Identification of item, date (if known), Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Papers, Collection 008: box number, folder number, Archives of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, The Catholic Center, Indianapolis.

Location of related materials:

Biographical/Historical Note

The Very Right Reverend Edward T. O'Meara was born in St. Louis, MO on August 3, 1921. He was ordained by then Archbishop Joseph Ritter December 21, 1946. He continued his studies in Rome earning a Doctorate in Theology from the Angelicum in 1952. O'Meara was named the national assistant director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1956, which was led by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. His work within the Society took him to over 70 countries throughout the world. On December 28, 1966, he became the national director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. On January 28, 1972, O'Meara was appointed the Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis and the Titular Bishop of Thisiduo by Pope Paul VI. His episcopal consecration was held on February 13 of that year by the pontiff at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. On November 27, 1979, he succeeded Archbishop George Biskup as the fourth Archbishop of Indianapolis. He served as the chairman of the Catholic Relief Services from 1987-1991 and was a regular presence at the Indianapolis 500 race where he gave the annual invocation. O'Meara was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis in 1991. He died at the age of 70 on January 12, 1992 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

Scope & Content Note

This collection consists of materials regarding Edward T. O'Meara including those that were written by him, correspondence addressed to him as well as content written about him. These documents provide historical pictorial, and other information about the life of Edward T. O'Meara and events in the history of the archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in a series of 23 boxes, with the first two containing Biographical information as well as his career-related materials. Box 3 includes his correspondence as the head of Catholic Relief Services as well as the confirmation for 1970, 1980, and 1981. This box also contains his Confirmation schedules and forms from 1980-1991. Box 4 holds more materials related to Confirmation including statistics from 1972-1992 and special requests from 1984-1992 as well as ecumenical documents and correspondence from 1980-1991. Box 5 contains financial statements, homilies and speeches as well as his "Indianapolis 500" invocations and notes from his meetings with the deans from 1980-1991. Box 6 includes materials related to Pastoral Council meetings from 1988-1992 as well as Personnel Board Meetings for 1988-1989 and meetings of the Presbyterate/Letters to the priests from 1980-1991. Box 7 and 8 holds the agendas/notes/materials relating to staff meetings from 1975-1991 and the Tribunal meetings from 1982-1991. Box 9 and 10 contain correspondence with the NCCB/USCC as well as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Box 10 also includes materials related to certain, high profile issues such as the Right to Life, the Death Penalty and Women's Rights. Box 11 and 12 contains materials that concern O'Meara's work with his mentor, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Box 13, 14, 22-23 hold photos while Box 15 contains restricted materials. Boxes 16-18 contain O'Meara's Pastoral Correspondence while Box 19 holds some of Archbishop O'Meara's personal effects. Box 21 contains oversized press materials.

Administrative Information

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Processing Note: Materials were rehoused in acid-free boxes and folders; staples and other bindings were removed. Larger items were flattened and preserved in larger, acid-free boxes with archival tissue paper placed in between materials. There are finding guides inside each box to help researchers locate the materials they need.

Collection

Box Number	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	O'Meara Biographical Materials	
1	2	O'Meara First Mass Cards	1946
1	3	Early Press Materials	
1	4	O'Meara Thesis	1952

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1	5	O'Meara 25 th anniversary (as priest)	1971
1	6	Episcopal Ordination (2/13)	1972
1	7	O'Meara Coat of Arms	
1	8	Thank you correspondence	1972
1	9	Press re: Episcopal Ordination	1972
1	10	Selection of Bishops prior to O'Meara	
1	11	O'Meara Installation plans (Indy)	1980
1	12	O'Meara Installation Ceremony	1980
1	13	O'Meara Press Indianapolis	1980
1	14	O'Meara 40 th Anniversary as priest	1986
1	15	O'Meara Honorary Degrees	
2	1	O'Meara's Father's Funeral	
2	2	O'Meara Papal Degrees	1957-1978
2	3	O'Meara's cemetery plot purchase	
2	4	O'Meara's Mother 100 Birthday	
2	5	O'Meara's Mother: Funeral	
2	6	O'Meara later press clippings	1990-1991
2	7	O'Meara Illness Memos	1991-1992
2	8	O'Meara Health Notebook	
2	9	O'Meara Funeral Announcement	1992
2	10	O'Meara Funeral Arrangements	1992
2	11	O'Meara Funeral Liturgies	1992
2	12	O'Meara Funeral photos	1992
2	13	O'Meara's Death press clippings	1992
2	14	O'Meara St. Vincent Hospital Room	1992
2	15	O'Meara Death certificate	1992
2	16	O'Meara St. Patrick's Day Service	1992
2	17	O'Meara Memorial Mass	1993
2	18	O'Meara Personal Items	
2	19	O'Meara Ordination Programs	1980-1991
3	1	Correspondence CRS	1981-1983
3	2	Correspondence CRS	1984

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3	3	Correspondence CRS	1987
3	4	Correspondence CRS	1988
3	5	Correspondence CRS	1989
3	6	Correspondence CRS	1990
3	7	Correspondence CRS	1991
3	8	Confirmation Policy	1971, 1980, 1983
3	9	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1980
3	10	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1983
3	11	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1984
3	12	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1985
3	13	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1986
3	14	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1987
3	15	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1988
3	16	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1989
3	17	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1990
3	18	Confirmation Schedule/Forms	1991
4	1	Confirmation Statistics	1972-1992
4	2	Confirmation Special Requests	1984
4	3	Confirmation Special Requests	1985
4	4	Confirmation Special Requests	1986
4	5	Confirmation Special Requests	1987
4	6	Confirmation Special Requests	1988
4	7	Confirmation Special Requests	1989
4	8	Confirmation Special Requests	1990
4	9	Confirmation Special Requests	1991
4	10	Confirmation Special Requests	1992
4	11	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1980

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4	12	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1981
4	13	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1982
4	14	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1983
4	15	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1984
4	16	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1985
4	17	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1986
4	18	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1987
4	19	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1988
4	20	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1989
4	21	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1990
4	22	Ecumenical Documents/Correspondence	1991
4	23	Episcopal Liturgy Programs	
5	1	O'Meara Financial Summary	1983-1986
5	2	O'Meara Homily/Speech drafts	
5	3	O'Meara Homily	1979
5	4	O'Meara Installation Mass Homily	1980
5	5	Homilies/Speeches	1980-1981
5	6	Homilies/Speeches	1982
5	7	Homilies/Speeches	1983
5	8	Homilies/Speeches	1984
5	9	Homilies/Speeches	1985
5	10	Homilies/Speeches	1986
5	11	Homilies/Speeches	1987
5	12	Homilies/Speeches	1988
5	13	Homilies/Speeches	1989
5	14	Homilies/Speeches	1990
5	15	Homilies/Speeches	1991
5	17	Installation of Bishop Kempski	1987
5	18	Installation of Bishop Jepson	
5	19	O'Meara Bishop Meetings	19890-1991
5	20	Meeting with the deans	1982
5	21	Meeting with the Deans	1984

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5	22	Meetings with the Deans	1985
5	23	Meetings with the Deans	1988
5	24	Meetings with the Deans	1989
5	25	Meetings with the Deans	1990
5	26	Meetings with the Deans	1991
6	1	Pastoral Council Meetings	1988
6	2	Pastoral Council Meetings	1990
6	3	Pastoral Council Meetings	1991
6	4	Pastoral Council Meetings	1992
Binder		Personnel Policies	
6	5	Personnel/Board Meetings	1988
6	6	Personnel/Board Meetings	1989
6	7	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1980
6	8	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1983
6	9	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1984
6	10	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1985
6	11	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1986
6	12	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1987
6	13	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1988
6	14	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1990
6	15	Meetings of the presbyterate/Letters to the Priests	1991
7	1	Staff Meetings (Dept./Agency heads)	1975
7	2	Staff Meetings (Dept./Agency heads)	1976
7	3	Staff Meetings (Dept./Agency heads)	1977
7	4	Staff Meetings (Dept./Agency heads)	1981

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7	5	Staff Meetings (Dept./Agency heads)	1975
7	6	Staff Meetings	1984
7	7	Staff Meetings	1985
7	8	Staff Meetings	1986
8	1	Staff meetings	1987
8	2	Staff Meetings	1988
8	3	Staff Meetings	1990
8	4	Staff Meetings	1991
8	5	Tribunal	1982-1989
8	6	Tribunal	1990-1991
8	7	National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	
9	1	Correspondence NCCB/USCC	1980
9	2	Correspondence NCCB/USCC	1981
9	3	Correspondence NCCB/USCC	1982
9	4	Correspondence NCCB/USCC	1983
9	5	Correspondence NCCB/USCC	1984
9	6	Correspondence NCCB/USCC	1985
9	7	NCCB Evangelization	1980-1983
9	8	NCCB Evangelization	1984-1988
9	9	Correspondence Propagation of the Faith	1969
9	10	Correspondence Propagation of the Faith	1970-1971
10	1	Correspondence Propagation of the Faith	1972-1975
10	2	Correspondence Propagation of the Faith	1976-1979
10	3	Correspondence Propagation of the Faith	1983-1989
10	4	Correspondence Propagation of the Faith	1990-1991
10	5	Prop. Of Faith Monthly Newsletters	
10	6	Arms Race	
10	7	Capital Punishment	
10	8	Women's Rights	
10	9	Right to Life	
11	1	Fulton Sheen Biographical	

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11	2	Correspondence with Fulton Sheen	
11	3	Press Materials relating to Sheen	
11	4	Sheen canonization case	
11	5	Sheen Archives	
11	6	Sheen Funeral Materials	
Book		This is the Mass	
Book		Lenten & Easter Inspirational	
Book		Guide to Contentment	
Book		Call the Board (program)	
Book		Fulton John Sheen: A Chronology and Bibliography	
12	Binder	Sheen Photos	
	Silver tray		
	Audio Tapes		
13		O'Meara Formal Photos	
14		Photos	
15 R	1	Medical Records	1983-1991
15 R	2	Resignation to Rome	1990
15 R	3	Living Will	1991
15 R	4	Will	1991
15 R	5	Estate Documents	1992
15 R	6	Taxes	1993
15 R	7	Commissariat Holy Land	1982-1987
15	8	Providence Retirement Home	1990
15 R	9	Opus Dei	1977-1991
15 R	10	North American College	
15 R	11	Province Meeting	1985-1987
15 R	12	Province Meeting	1988-1989
15 R	13	Province Meeting	1991
15 R	14	Staff meetings	1990-1991
15 R	15	Misc. Correspondence Apostolic Delegate	1980-1990
15 R	16	Laicization	
15 R	17	O'Meara Clergy Funerals	
16	1	O'Meara Letters	1980
16	2	O'Meara Letters	1981
16	3	O'Meara Letters	1982
16	4	O'Meara Letters	1983 (Jan-Jun)
16	5	O'Meara Letters	1983 (Jul-Dec)
16	6	O'Meara Letters	1984 (Jan-Mar)
16	7	O'Meara Letters	1984 (Apr-Jun)

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16	8	O'Meara Letters	1984 (Jul-Sep)
16	9	O'Meara Letters	1984 (Oct-Dec)
17	1	O'Meara Letters	1985
17	2	O'Meara Letters	1986 (Jan-Jun)
17	3	O'Meara Letters	1986 (Jul-Dec)
17	4	O'Meara Letters	1987 (Jan-May)
17	5	O'Meara Letters	1987 (Jun-Dec)
17	6	O'Meara Letters	1988 (Jan-Jun)
17	7	O'Meara Letters	1988 (Jul-Dec)
17	8	O'Meara Correspondence	1989
17	9	O'Meara Correspondence	1990
18	1	O'Meara Correspondence	1991 (Jan-Jun)
18	2	O'Meara Correspondence	1991 (Jul-Dec)
18	3	O'Meara Correspondence	1979-1980
18	4	O'Meara Correspondence	1981
18	5	O'Meara Correspondence	1982
18	6	O'Meara Correspondence	1983
18	7	O'Meara Correspondence	1984
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18	9	O'Meara Correspondence	1986
18	10	O'Meara Correspondence	1987
18	11	O'Meara Correspondence	1988
18	12	O'Meara Correspondence	1989
18	13	O'Meara Correspondence	1990
18	14	O'Meara Correspondence	1991
18	15	Faculties Granted	1980s
18	16	Invitations Accepted	1987-1989
18	17	Invitations Accepted	1990
19	Small Box	Address File	
19		Breviary (4 volumes)	
		Willow Tree Box: Breviary 3 Vol.	
		Enrollment in Perpetual Prayer of Pallotine Fathers	
		VHS Tapes	
20		Desk Calendars	
21	1	Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara STD" Souvenir Supplement to The Criterion	1/11/80
21	2	"Four Decades of Service" The Criterion.	12/9/86
21	3	Star Magazine	3/23/80

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21	4	"The Installation of an Archbishop." The Criterion.	1/18/80
21	5	The Criterion	1/24/92
21	6	The Criterion	1/17/92
21	7	Pontifical Decree	
22	1	Photos	
22	2	Photos	1973
22	3	Photos	1974
22	4	Photos	1979
22	5	Photos	1980
22	6	Photos	1981
22	7	Photos	1982
22	8	Photos	1983
22	9	Photos	1984
22	10	Photos	1985
22	11	Photos	1986
22	12	Photos	1987
22	13	Photos	1988
22	14	Photos	1990
22	15	Misc. Photos	1980s
22	16	Photos CRS	1980, 1986
22	Binders	CRS	
22	17	Photos CRS Angola	1990
22	18	Photos Formal	
22	19	Photos Ireland	
22	20	Photos (Golden Jubilees)	
22	21	Photos Misc.	
22	22	Photos Overseas Trips	

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