



Title (Free Text Part) **Bishop Peter J. Muldoon Papers**
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Biographical/Administrative History

Peter James Muldoon was born in Columbia, California on October 10, 1863. He obtained his early education in California, and at fourteen years of age, he entered St. Mary's College in Kentucky. Four years later, he began his philosophy at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, where he stayed until his ordination on December 18, 1886.

He began his pastoral work at St. Pius's Church Chicago. In November 1888, he was appointed Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago and secretary to Archbishop Feehan. He remained in that position until November 1895. At that time, he became pastor of St. Charles Borromeo's Church, Chicago.

On June 10, 1901, he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Chicago, and on September 28, 1908, he was appointed the first bishop of Rockford.

Bishop Muldoon applied his vast energies and administrative experience in developing the new diocese. The number of priests and parishes doubled. A diocesan Synod was invoked in 1916 and actions were made for irremovable pastors, boards of examiners for schools, and organization of the diocesan chancery and curia.

On March 22, 1917, Bishop Muldoon was appointed Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles. However, due to strong appeals of both clergy and laity of Rockford, the transfer was not made.

Bishop Muldoon gained national recognition during World War I as the chairman of the National Catholic War Council. This council supervised the expenditure of \$40,000,000 for welfare work.

Bishop Muldoon died on October 8, 1927 in Rockford, Illinois.

Provenance

The material in this collection was transferred from Cardinal's Residence on June 19, 1982.

Accruals

Separations

Other materials concerning Bishop Muldoon are available in the Madaj Collection.

Scope & Content

This collection consists of papal correspondence and personal correspondence. This collection was processed in February 1988.

Series Description

Contacts

Muldoon, Peter James (Most Rev.) (Client)

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