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Title	St. Ignatius Parish and School
Classification	History Records - Finding Aid
Owner	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)
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Biographical/Administrative History

St. Ignatius Church at Loyola and Glenwood Ave. on the north side of Chicago was founded by the Jesuits from St. Ignatius College on 12th St. (now Roosevelt Rd.) in Holy Family Parish. On March 9, 1906, the Jesuits purchased a 20 acre tract of land along Lake Michigan. A frame church designed by the firm of Prindville & Egan at the south end of the property on Sheridan Rd. The church was to share the land with the initial buildings for Loyola University Chicago, Lakeshore Campus.

In 1915, plans for a new, more permanent, church building. Ground was broken on May 30, 1916 and the new Corinthian style church was opened at 6559 N. Glenwood Ave. on September 16, 1917.

Henry J. Schlacks, who designed the church, drew heavily on Jesuit tradition: he patterned the edifice after the Church of the Gesu in Rome, which had been designed by Michelangelo, a friend of St. Ignatius Loyola.

The original school was built in 1912, but by 1917 they were struggling to house the large number of students enrolled there. They sold the land on Sheridan and built a new school building and auditorium that were attached to the original structure.

In 1924, Rev. Fitz George Dineen, S.J. was appointed as the head of St. Ignatius. One of Father Dineen's concerns was to work for excellence in entertainment in an era when radio and motion pictures had become popular. He engaged the people of the parish in the task of producing a community theater. The Loyola Community Theater, organized in 1926, became one of the most important "Little Theater" groups in the country.

Father Dineen and his successor Rev. John J. Sullivan, S.J. both created programs for children within the Parish. Athletic programs started for younger children utilizing the facilities at Loyola, and the Teen Club was formed, which held regular plays and performances in the school auditorium.

Although the parish started out with mostly Irish and other northern European parishioners, the ethnic and cultural backgrounds of church members gradually diversified in the latter part of the 20th century. By the time the church closed, it had a large number of Hispanic members as evidenced by bilingual printed materials and many cultural celebrations at the church.

Provenance

The material from this collection was acquired from St. Ignatius Parish over two accessions in July and August 2021 (IDs: 202121401 and 202120401). The materials were owned and organized by the parish until its merger during the Renew My Church process. St. Ignatius was closed and divided between St. Gertrude and St. Jerome parishes, but the Archives and Records Center assumed custody of its historical records.

Separations

45572.05 - ADMN/V3450/540 - 1 DVD and 1 Videotape

Scope and Content

Consists of 12 letter boxes, one 1/2 letter box, 5 legal boxes, and one oversize box, 9 linear feet.

Collection includes materials from both the church and school, as well as, other groups affiliated with the parish.

It includes photographs of class photos, and graduation pictures, church architecture and interior design (including older images that pre-date subsequent design changes and Vatican II), plays and performances, and other church and school events/activities. A interior fresco in St. Ignatius depicts St. Joseph holding baby Jesus, the model of which was a young Rogers Park resident, from the 1920s. Much was made of this depiction, since it became the cover image for the Baltimore Catechism, and a few representations are included in this collection.

In addition to photos, it includes bulletins, administrative records, histories and other historical documents, commemorative books and other printed materials, several items of ephemera such as a first grader's composition book that dates back to the 1920s and a button and ribbon from the opening of the new church. Other items of particular note are a parishioner information packet, two memorandum books from the early days of the church documenting parish activity, and land deeds and records.

Series Description

Series 1: Bulletins - 14 boxes of bound bulletins 1960-2009; partially and then fully bilingual starting in the late 1980s.

Series 2: Printed Materials - include yearbooks, handbooks, newsletters, materials related to St. Ignatius but published by third parties, etc.

Series 3: Historical - include histories of the parish, biographical information about people associated with the church, ephemera, commemorative books, etc.

Series 4: Programs/Events - includes programs for plays, other performances, the annual basketball tournaments, and other school and church events.

Series 5: Administrative Records - includes correspondence, grant paperwork, land and construction information, cooperative programs, etc.

Series 6: Photographs - includes school class and graduation photos, church architecture photos, church and school event photos, play and performance photos, etc.

Box List

Box	Record Number	HIST/H3300/493	Classification	History Records - Historical Records
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish Records			
Begin Date	01/01/1908	End Date	12/31/2007	DB Box Number 33184.06
Box	Record Number	HIST/H3300/494	Classification	History Records - Historical Records
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish Records			
Begin Date	01/01/1908	End Date	12/31/2007	DB Box Number 33184.07
Box	Record Number	HIST/H3300/495	Classification	History Records - Historical Records
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius School Records			
Begin Date	01/01/1921	End Date	12/31/2002	DB Box Number 33184.08
Box	Record Number	HIST/H3300/496	Classification	History Records - Photographs
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius School Records			
Begin Date	01/01/1916	End Date	12/31/1970	DB Box Number 33184.09
Box	Record Number	HIST/H3300/497	Classification	History Records - Historical Records
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish and School Records			
Begin Date	01/01/1917	End Date	12/31/2007	DB Box Number 32359.04
Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/536	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1930	End Date	12/31/1939	DB Box Number 33183.01
Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/537	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1941	End Date	12/31/1953	DB Box Number 33183.02
Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/538	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1954	End Date	08/28/1960	DB Box Number 33182.10

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/539	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	09/11/1960	End Date	08/30/1970	DB Box Number 33183.03

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/540	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1946	End Date	12/31/1977	DB Box Number 33183.04

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/541	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1978	End Date	12/31/1981	DB Box Number 33183.05

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/554	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1982	End Date	12/31/1986	DB Box Number 33183.06

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/555	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1908	End Date	12/31/1990	DB Box Number 33183.07

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/556	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1991	End Date	12/31/1993	DB Box Number 33183.08

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/557	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1994	End Date	12/31/1996	DB Box Number 33184.01

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/558	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/1997	End Date	12/31/1999	DB Box Number 33184.02

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/559	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/2000	End Date	12/31/2002	DB Box Number 33184.03

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/560	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/2003	End Date	12/31/2005	DB Box Number 33184.04

Box	Record Number	PRSH/P0120/561	Classification	Parish Records - Bulletins
Title (Free Text Part)	St. Ignatius Parish (Glenwood Ave.)			
Begin Date	01/01/2006	End Date	12/31/2009	DB Box Number 33184.05