Title page of the first edition of the Ratio studiorum (1586).
Historical Collections

The Generals’ Archives
Photographic reproductions of two different groups of records of the main Jesuit archives in Rome are held at Georgetown University. A set of more than 300 bound volumes of photographic prints, created about 1930, reproduce records up to the time of the suppression of the Society in 1773. The series recording activity in Japan, China, and the Far East is by far the most extensive, but all areas are documented in considerable detail. Access to these records is facilitated (though by no means made either easy, or convenient!) by a number of volumes of typewritten guides. The second group of records consists of more than 4,000 spools of negative microfilm, reproducing records from the Society’s beginning up to about 1945. These films must be cleaned, transferred onto reels, and given better indexing before they can be made available for research. Restricted.

Deposited by the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus

Printed Books
The Special Collections Research Center holds, in its various collections, large numbers of the earliest Jesuit publications. Among the rarest of these are the 1586 and 1591 editions of the *Ratio studiorum*, the printed embodiment of the traditional Jesuit educational methodology. These copies were formerly owned by the noted English collector Sir Leicester Harmsworth, *the gift of Homer Hervey, Paul Straske, and Mrs. S. R. Straske*. These two rarities are now supported by a copy of the 1599 “official” first edition of the *Ratio*, acquired by the Woodstock Theological Center Library in 2005. Collecting in this area continues. Among recent acquisitions are a large collection of Jesuit books on all subjects added to Woodstock; a number of titles tracing their provenance to the Jesuit college at Vilna; a group of 11 Polish Jesuit imprints not previously recorded in any American library; a copy of the second edition of the Jesuit *Constitutiones* (1570), *the gift of George M. and Penelope C. Barringer*; early works by Robert Parsons, S.J., and Cardinal William Allen; and a number of otherwise-unrecorded nineteenth-century pamphlets on the renewed history of the Jesuits in Mexico.

Woodstock Theological Center Library
The Woodstock Theological Center Library contains the most comprehensive collection of Roman Catholic resources in the central Atlantic states and is one of four major U.S. repositories for Jesuit
resources. The Woodstock Special Collections include some 17,000 fifteenth- through nineteenth-century Roman Catholic Counter-Reformational works covering a variety of fields such as theology, philosophy, the humanities, and sciences. Also included are controversial and devotional works, sermons, extensive anti-Jesuit materials, and a wide range of primary sources from the early-modern Jesuit missions to China, India, and Latin America, which became important sources for the European Enlightenment. (See the Woodstock Theological Center Library chapter.)

**Georgetown College Library Collection**

In 1836, towards the end of its first major period of expansion, the College Library extended to more than 11,000 volumes. Many were written by Jesuits or touched on aspects of the Society’s history. At present nearly 4,000 volumes of this important early American institutional collection have been reassembled and shelved—by carefully graded sizes—in accordance with their original European press-mark scheme. Besides containing many volumes owned by early Maryland Jesuit missionaries (including a copy of Sir Isaac Newton’s *Principia mathematica*, 1687, formerly the property of Henry Neale, S.J.), the collection has strong holdings in several specific areas. It includes important holdings in early Jesuit homiletics, neo-Latin literature, as well as lengthy runs of popular theological works by Jeremias Drexel and other Jesuits which supplement similar collections in the Woodstock Theological Center Library. Recent additions to the collection include more than 100 volumes sent years ago to Georgetown’s nascent medical library and now transferred back from the Georgetown University Medical Center’s Dahlgren Memorial Library.

**Levins Collection**

The personal library of 1,991 volumes formed by Rev. Thomas C. Levins, the first officially designated Georgetown librarian (1824-1825), came to Georgetown following his death in 1843. The collection, now divided between the Woodstock Theological Center Library and several book collections in the Special Collections Research Center, includes the first important assemblage of Jesuitica formed in this country as well as extensive anti-Jesuit writings; early scientific, mathematical, and technical works; and numerous emblem books, incunabula, and first editions of the works of Erasmus.

*Gift (Jesuitica) of Rev. Levins*

**Milton House Archives**

This collection, whose title derives from the house in England where its contents were maintained for almost two hundred years, consists of significant portions of the papers of George Birkhead, Archpriest of England in the early seventeenth century, and of the Belson family, together with a miscellany of letters and documents pertaining in one way or another to English Catholic history between the late sixteenth and late eighteenth centuries. Among the more prominent authors of letters are Cardinal William Allen; Thomas Fitzherbert, agent for the English Catholic clergy in Rome; and Robert Parsons (or Persons), S.J., one of the first Jesuit missionaries to Protestant England.
ca. 1575-1775 = 1.75 linear feet

*Jesuit School Manuscripts Collection*

This collection consists of 43 manuscript texts bound in 15 volumes. They are devoted, with the exception of a treatise on horography, to standard Catholic theological topics. Considerable circumstantial and internal evidence indicates that these volumes reproduce in large measure the theological course of instruction for the English Jesuit college at Liège, Belgium during the period when the earliest Maryland Jesuit missionaries took their training there. Identified authors all taught there during the early eighteenth century. Similar volumes are located among the papers of Jesuits Peter Attwood (who studied, however, in Spain) and his contemporary, Liège student George Thorold.

c.a. 1660-1730 = 0.75 linear foot

*Catholic School Manuscripts Collection*

Directly related to the preceding collection is a group of 62 volumes, mostly early in date, comprising manuscript treatises on a range of subjects: theology and philosophy; mathematics, science, and rhetoric; history, literature, and law; devotional and religious works; and miscellaneous items. For the most part, these derive from one or another Catholic educational establishment before 1800. In large measure they supplement the theological texts in the Jesuit School Manuscripts Collection, and some, at least, may have followed the same route from Europe to the United States.

1557-1876 = 3.75 linear feet

*Congregatio de Propaganda Fide Collection*

Not specifically “Jesuit” either in origin or content, the 13 duplicate eighteenth-century letterbooks of materials from the Far East section of the Congregatio de Propaganda Fide nonetheless include a good deal of material relating to the Society. Of principal interest are the Congregatio’s efforts in China, the Philippines, and South Asia from 1723 to 1745/6, and its role in the significant amount of European fund-raising needed to make the missionary enterprise possible. Two volumes of miscellaneous manuscripts acquired at the same time bear ownership marks from the libraries of the Earl of Guilford and Sir Thomas Phillipps (his Mss. 6451 and 7591); they include such richly various content as an apparently unpublished biography and critical study of Confucius, an account of the martyrdom of three Jesuits in Vietnam in 1737, several items relating to the Chinese Rites controversy, and an undated lengthy Italian text headed “Dissertazione prima sopra l’arte della Pittura.”

1723-1746 = 3.50 linear feet

*The Talbot Collection*

This collection of autographs of outstanding American and European Catholics, named for and given in honor of Francis X. Talbot, S.J., is distinguished by a number of documents by early members of the Society of Jesus. These include a “celebret” signed (1551) by its founder, St. Ignatius Loyola, one of very few Ignatian autographs known to be in the United States, and an autograph letter of the same...
year evincing a most extraordinary piety, written by St. Francis Borgia. Among later materials in the collection should be mentioned a collection of items by various authors documenting the final illness and death of Father Damien of Molokai.

*Gift of Mary A. Benjamin in honor of Francis X. Talbot, S.J.*
1535-1936 ≈ 0.50 linear foot

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**The Jesuits in the Americas**

**John B. Molloy Collection**
Retained manuscript copies, or possibly drafts, of 12 “annual letters” from Jesuits in Peru, covering the years 1591-1595, 1611-1615, 1617, 1702, and 1704 (the latter incomplete). In the earlier letters there is considerable information regarding the beginning of missionary activity in Chile. Supplemented by more than a dozen remarkable colonial Peruvian documents (1566-1776), *gift of David Landers*.

*Gift of John B. Molloy*
1591-1704 ≈ 0.25 linear foot

**George Schwarz Collection**
A bound volume of copies of more than 30 manuscript letters and other accounts dating from 1674 to 1682 and addressed by various Jesuits to Matthias Tanner, S.J., at that time the rector of the Jesuit college in Prague. Of particular interest are letters giving first-hand accounts of Jesuit missionary activities in Brazil, Mexico, the Marianas Islands, Vietnam, China, and elsewhere.

*Gift of George Schwarz*
1674-1682 ≈ 0.25 linear foot

**Paraguayan Jesuits Collection**
The collection consists of 20 manuscripts and four printed documents providing a look at physical and economic conditions on the Jesuit “reductions” in Paraguay; giving details of schemes to use Indians from the reductions as laborers on military sites in Buenos Aires and as local militia; and outlining the history of Jesuit resistance to pressures brought on them by representatives of the Church and the Spanish government, from the time of Archbishop Bernardino de Cárdenas to the attack by the Redemptorist Miguel de Vargas Machuca almost a century later. The collection is supplemented by two other manuscripts: one a lengthy defense of the Jesuits in charge of the Paraguay Reductions, written by Joseph de Barreda, Jesuit provincial of Paraguay, to the Spanish commissioner assigned to the region (1753), from the collection of Sir Leicester Harmsworth; the other a group of ten diverse documents bound in one (ca. 1760) relating to the activities of the Jesuits in Paraguay in the mid-18th century, formerly in the collection of Sir Thomas Phillipps (Phillipps number 3063).
Archives of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus

The Archives of the Maryland Province have been held on deposit in the Special Collections Research Center since 1977. Among the most important and substantial groups of records in the archives are the following: extensive files relating to the ownership and management of the Jesuits’ Maryland estates from the seventeenth century onward; correspondence received by the colonial Jesuit Superiors and the various provincials; Archbishop John Carroll’s extensive correspondence with English clergy, and especially with Rev. Charles Plowden; papers of individual Jesuits, including Stephen L. Dubuisson, John Grassi, Peter Kenney, and José A. Lopez in the early nineteenth century; and papers relating to the Fenwicks and other early Maryland Catholic families connected in one way or another with the Jesuits. Jesuit missionary activity among Native Americans in the middle of the nineteenth century is documented in letters and other papers from such men as John Bapst, P. J. De Smet, and Eugene Vetromile. Although the bulk of the material dates from the nineteenth century, the earlier records constitute the most important single historical source for our knowledge of the growth of Catholicism in colonial America.

American Catholic Sermon Collection

This collection has been formed from the manuscript sermons previously unidentified and virtually uncataloged in the Woodstock College Archives, the Maryland Province Archives, and the Georgetown University Archives. It consists of some 456 autograph manuscript sermons, two contemporary written transcriptions, and four printed items (some only fragments) by 44 different preachers (including 55 texts by Archbishop John Carroll and seven by Georgetown’s first president, Rev. Robert Plunkett). These manuscripts allow significant research in a field of literary, as well as historical and theological, interest—especially since only a handful of American Catholic sermons were published during the eighteenth century, and none at all before 1786.

Early Maryland Jesuits’ Papers

Included in the holdings of the Special Collections Research Center are manuscripts and letters in the hands of a number of the early Maryland (and Pennsylvania) Jesuits. Of particular note are:

• Peter Attwood, S.J.: ten school treatises, ca. 1710, on scientific, mathematical, and theological subjects, and the draft of an essay entitled “Liberty and Property” dating from about 1717-1720;

• Archbishop John Carroll: a manuscript treatise on the Sacraments, fragmentary spiritual dialogues, and a group of letters from Carroll to various recipients, ca. 1770-1815, in part the gifts of Charles Carroll Lee, Richard H. Clarke, and William T. Connolly.

• John Digges, Jr., S.J.: a collection of retreat notes, spiritual dialogues, and miscellaneous meditations, probably ca. 1740;

• Joseph Mosley, S.J.: a series of sixteen letters from Mosley to his sister in England, including detailed accounts of his various missionary activities, 1757-1786, the gift of Emma Isabel Shea;

• Henry Neale, S.J.: manuscripts on geometry and geography, probably ca. 1710, together with his copy of the first edition of Newton’s Principia, 1687;

• Theodore Schneider, S.J.: an autograph manuscript, Proprium missarum de tempore, and two sets of autograph manuscript altar cards, all ca. 1745-1750, housed in the Catholic Historical Manuscripts Collection;
• George Thorold, S.J.: a compilation of texts concerning religious controversies, ca. 1695-1700.

**Maryland Province Collection**

This collection brings together a disparate group of records, all once housed in the various subject files of the University Archives. It includes house records, correspondence, legal documents, and other items principally connected with Jesuit establishments at Bohemia Manor, Conewago, Frederick, Newtown, St. Thomas Manor, White Marsh, and Woodstock.

1685-1970 ≈ 9.00 linear feet

**Jan Philip Roothaan, S.J., Archive**

The heart of the collection is a series of nearly 140 autograph letters from Roothaan (1785-1853), General of the Society of Jesus from 1829 until his death. The letters, addressed for the most part to Roothaan's father Mathias, his brother Albert, and/or his nephew Theodoor, written over the period 1804-1852, provide considerable insight into the personal life of this remarkable Jesuit.

*Gift of Clemens C. J. Roothaan*

1804-1852 ≈ 0.75 linear foot

**José Antonio Lopez, S.J., Papers**

The personal papers of Lopez, long-time chaplain to the Iturbide family and later librarian and (briefly) acting president of Georgetown, contain correspondence and other materials important to the end of Spanish colonial rule in Mexico. Among the latter is an early, possibly holograph, manuscript of the *Manifesto al mundo*, the political apologia of deposed Mexican emperor Agustín de Iturbide. Supplemental information regarding Iturbide and his family is contained in a small collection of manuscripts and printed materials acquired in 1994, and more of Lopez's papers are included among the records of the Maryland Province (see above).

1781-1840 ≈ 0.50 linear foot

**Argentinean Jesuits Collection**

The collection comprises a small group of manuscripts regarding the reinstatement of the Jesuits in Argentina in the period 1815-1817, together with some related materials.

1800-ca. 1820 ≈ 0.25 linear foot

**Nineteenth-Century Jesuits’ Papers**

The Special Collections Research Center holds greater or lesser quantities of the papers of a number of nineteenth-century Jesuits, most of them in some way associated with Georgetown. Among that number the following separate collections may be singled out by reason of their importance to American Jesuit history:

• John Early, S.J.: substantial correspondence and manuscripts, the bulk dating from his time as president of Georgetown, including letters from Jefferson Davis, Lewis Cass, and Roger B. Taney, among others;

• Rev. Joseph Finotti: a variety of letters received and manuscripts written by this ex-Jesuit author, editor, and bibliographer (*Bibliographica Catholica Americana*, 1872, the first listing of American Catholic books), ca. 1847-1877;

• Patrick Healy, S.J.: extensive series of diaries and some correspondence concentrating on his years at Georgetown and the years following his retirement.
• Peter Kenney, S.J.: a substantial body of reports and correspondence (in part, photocopies of originals now held in Ireland) relating to his work as visitor on two occasions to the Maryland Mission;

• Bernard A. Maguire, S.J.: correspondence to and from Fr. Maguire, together with a number of his manuscripts, 1848-1867;

• John McElroy, S.J.: diaries, correspondence, and documents relating to his activities at Georgetown and in the founding of Boston College, and to his services as a chaplain in the Mexican War;

• Joseph Mobberley, S.J.: a sprightly and informative series of memoirs covering the second and third decades of the century, including an account of the British raids on Washington and southern Maryland in 1814;

• Thomas Mulledy, S.J.: some correspondence and a very substantial group of manuscript sermons, ca. 1825-1850;

• Edward Holker Welch, S.J.: manuscripts and correspondence, including an important series of letters from the noted English Catholic evangelist, Rev. Frederick William Faber, together with material collected for a proposed biography of Welch.

Catholic Historical Manuscripts Collection
The collection contains fragmentary holdings of the papers of more than 95 individuals, primarily members of the Society of Jesus associated with Georgetown University during the eighteenth, nineteenth, or early twentieth centuries. These records were retained originally in dozens of locations in the University Archives. Among the more significant groups of papers are the following:

• Bishop Simon William Gabriel Bruté: autograph autobiographical sketch up to 1836;

• Pierre Jean De Smet, S.J.: group of letters from De Smet to various individuals, 1841-1872, and an eight-page autograph manuscript—aimed at eliciting financial support for the work—giving an account of missions in the Oregon Territory, undated;

• Peter DeVos, S.J.: group of letters from Archbishop Maréchal, 1820-1827, concerning difficulties experienced by DeVos in his missionary work in and around Rockville, Maryland;

• Archbishop Louis Guillaume Valentin DuBourg, S.S.: group of letters and documents dating primarily from his tenure as the third president of Georgetown College, 1796-1798;

• Francis Dzierozynski, S.J.: group of letters from Bishop Bruté, Archbishop DuBourg, and others touching on Georgetown affairs; and a group of letters concerning the early days of Holy Cross College from Thomas Mulledy, S.J.;
• Enoch Fenwick, S.J.: group of letters, 1811-1827, including items from Bishops Leonard Neale, Jean
Dubois, and John Cheverus, and a letter concerning the state of the church in Haiti, 1820, from the
missionary apostolic in that country, Rev. Jeremiah F. Flynn;

• George Hunter, S.J.: transcripts of documents relating to the state of the church in the Maryland
colony during the 1750s, including his own “Account of State and Condition of the Roman Catholics
of Maryland”;

• Samuel M. Lilly, S.J.: group of diaries kept while at Holy Cross (1845-1849) and Georgetown (1849-
1852);

• Joseph Marshall, S.J.: group of letters from Georgetown president John Grassi, S.J., and others,
principally relating to the operation of the Jesuit farms in Maryland, 1816-1824;

• James Ryder, S.J.: correspondence relating to a variety of subjects, principally dating from Ryder’s
tenure at Georgetown (1840s-50s), from a number of writers, including Pierre Jean De Smet, S.J.,
Joseph Coolidge Shaw, S.J., and Jefferson Davis;

• Joseph Coolidge Shaw, S.J.: group of autograph manuscripts on various spiritual subjects together with
a few letters;

• Charles Stonestreet, S.J.: miscellaneous correspondence, including letters from Pierre Jean De Smet,
S.J. (1851);

• John S. Sumner, S.J.: extensive autograph drafts for a work to have been titled “The Early History of
Georgetown College” (apparently never completed), and miscellaneous correspondence, 1861-1880.

ca. 1700-1954 ≈ 5.00 linear feet

**J. Havens Richards, S.J., Papers**
The papers provide the earliest comprehensive series of papers extant of early presidents of Georgetown.
Richards’ tenure as president during the crucial decade of the 1890s, which saw the foundation of The
Catholic University of America and the inception of the Georgetown University Hospital, encompassed
also the reshaping of the University’s role vis-à-vis Jesuit authorities in Rome and the controversy over
Modernism.

ca. 1885-1900 ≈ 6.75 linear feet

**Francis A. Barnum, S.J., Papers**
The papers of Barnum, a missionary, linguist, and historian, are an important resource for the early
history of Alaska and the work of Jesuit missionaries both there and in Jamaica. His “stray notes,” dating
from his tenures as librarian and archivist at Georgetown, are among the most vivid surviving accounts
deay-to-day life at the college. They provide sharp and frequently witty accounts of Georgetown’s more
colorful characters and practices from Barnum’s school days in the 1860s through the early twentieth
century.

ca. 1865-1920 ≈ 4.50 linear feet

**Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., Papers**
The papers of Fr. Walsh throw considerable light on most aspects of his exceptional career: as founder
and guiding spirit of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service; as head of the Papal Relief
Mission to Russia in the early 1920s; as president of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association;
as a representative of the Catholic Church in Mexico; and as a very much involved consultant at the

1885-1956 = 22.50 linear feet

**The America Archives**

The unusually complete archives of *America* magazine and of its parent Jesuit community in New York provide a detailed history of this prominent Jesuit publication, beginning some years before the magazine’s first appearance in 1909. The interest and significance of the collection go well beyond literature alone. The collection is central to the record of Catholic history in the United States in this century. There are, for instance, considerable materials relating to the Spanish Civil War and to the affairs of the persecuted Catholic Church in Mexico. The correspondence files in the archives contain letters from virtually every American Catholic writer of note, as well as many English and European ones, including Louise Imogen Guiney, Jacques Maritain, Katharine Tynan, and Sigrid Undset. There are also letters and manuscripts from such non-Catholic writers as T. S. Eliot and Ezra Pound.

*Gift of America Magazine*

ca. 1903-1995 = ca. 110.00 linear feet

**John LaFarge, S.J., Papers**

Fr. LaFarge’s papers document his career from its beginnings as a parish priest among the poor blacks of southern Maryland to his long (1926-1963) tenure on the editorial staff of the Jesuit monthly *America*. The papers shed light on his major influence in the fields of social and racial justice. In Maryland his work resulted in the foundation of the Cardinal Gibbons Institute and the organization of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. His involvement with interracial and social action organizations never diminished, and his papers bear witness to his impact on such groups as the Catholic Interracial Council, which he founded, and the Catholic Layman’s Union.

1881-1967 = 67.00 linear feet

**Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., Papers**

The papers illuminate Parsons’ editorial work on *America* magazine, his participation in and leadership of numerous Catholic social action groups, and his longstanding concern with issues in political science. Of particular interest are extensive files pertaining to the founding and organization of the Legion of Decency, which had a profound effect on the American film industry in the 1930s, and his records regarding religious persecution in Mexico during the same period.

1908-1958 = 20.00 linear feet

**Francis X. Talbot, S.J., Papers**

The papers of Francis X. Talbot, S.J., literary editor of *America* in the 1920s, provide a complementary look to those of Wilfred Parsons at the way the magazine “handled” its writers, and the papers contain
correspondence with such authors as Willa Cather, Compton Mackenzie, and Kathleen Norris.

c. 1920–1936 = ca. 6.00 linear feet

**W. Coleman Nevils, S.J., Papers**

The Nevils papers include correspondence, manuscripts, and related items dating largely from the period of Nevils' presidency of Georgetown. Of particular interest are extensive drafts of Nevils' historical work, *Miniatures of Georgetown* (1934).

1889-1955 = 7.00 linear feet

**Horace B. McKenna, S.J., Papers**

Papers and autobiographical tape recordings documenting Fr. McKenna's work, largely devoted to efforts at helping Washington's inner-city black Catholics, his founding of “So Others May Eat” (SOME), and related activities. The collection is supplemented by research materials used by John S. Monagan in writing *Horace, Priest of the Poor*, his biography of Fr. McKenna, gift of Representative Monagan. Also, an early portion of his archives is present, from the time of his ministry in Ridge, Maryland, with letters from family, friends, and fellow Jesuits, such as John LaFarge, S.J. and Thomas E. Ambrose, S.J., gift of Horace W. McKenna.

1923-1988 = 35.00 linear feet

**Andrew J. Graves, S.J., Papers**

Graves' papers document the activities of the Jesuit mission in Madison County, North Carolina, from about 1932 to 1973. The work was centered in the towns of Hot Springs and Revere, and Graves' records amply document many aspects of the life of this small rural Catholic community as well as giving first-hand evidence of the Jesuit missionary enterprise in the twentieth century.

ca. 1925–1973 = 10.50 linear feet

**James V. Schall, S.J., Papers**

The papers include the extensive collection of the published work of James V. Schall, S.J., educator and prolific writer on the interplay between Christianity and politics. Included is correspondence as well as his writings about G. K. Chesterton, a British author in whom the library is especially interested.

*Gift of Father Schall*

1960-2007 = 33.00 linear feet

**David Mitchell Papers**

Papers of the English author and journalist, David Mitchell, dealing with his 1980 work, “The Jesuits: A History.” Composed mostly of research files, the collection includes copies of his numerous interviews with Jesuits, non-Jesuits, and former Jesuits; notes about secondary published sources; and many related

*Gift of Mr. Mitchell*
1977-1983 « 3.00 linear feet

**Georgetown Jesuits’ Papers**

The largest additions to the collections since 1985, in terms of quantity, are the collections of papers of individual Jesuits transferred from the Jesuit Community at Georgetown University to the Special Collections Research Center. Not processed as yet, these include materials relating to a number of Jesuits, among whom figure most prominently Vincent F. Beatty, Joseph T. Durkin, Francis L. Fadner, G. Gordon Henderson, Joseph E. Kennedy, Brian A. McGrath, Paul A. McNally, Stephen F. McNamee, Richard McSorley, Frederick W. Sohon, John J. Toohey, and Gerald F. Yates. In part restricted.

ca. 1920- « ca. 125.00 linear feet

**Other Jesuit Holdings**

The Special Collections Research Center and the Woodstock College Archives both contain a number of smaller collections of records of various Jesuit houses (in Maryland, especially) as well as the papers of individual nineteenth- and twentieth-century Jesuits. These cover a fairly broad range of subject interests:

• the papers of Edward I. Devitt, S.J., including diaries and correspondence dealing largely with Maryland Jesuit history;

• the papers of Francis Lucey, S.J., relating to his work at the Georgetown University Law School; and,

• the papers of William Repetti, S.J., containing his voluminous (and unfinished) history of early Jesuit missionary activity in the Philippine Islands.

To these may be added significant holdings of the papers of the following Jesuit fathers: Philip Cardella; James Curley; John M. Daley; A. J. Emerick (consisting almost entirely of letters from Saint Katherine Drexel); Joseph A. Fitzmyer; Lawrence J. Kelly; Joseph A. Mulry; Pye Neale; Edward O'Down; John F. Quirk; John A. Ryan; Henry Shandelle; Francis A. Tondorf; James A. Ward; and finally, though he was not a Jesuit, Rev. Charles Constantine Pise, the first Roman Catholic chaplain of the United States Senate.

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**Pierre Teilhard de Chardin**

**Lucile Swan Papers**

The centerpiece of the collection is the series of 205 letters from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., to Lucile Swan, covering a period of 23 years and commenting on many aspects of Teilhard’s work. These are supplemented by a large group of printed and near-print materials from Teilhard’s period in China, including a number of documents not readily available elsewhere, and a group of photographs of Teilhard and various friends.

*In part, gift of Mary Wood Gilbert*
1932-1955 « 2.75 linear feet

**Pierre Leroy, S.J., Papers**

The papers of Leroy, the noted French biologist, primarily concern fellow Jesuit and close friend Teilhard de Chardin. They consist of 77 letters to Leroy from Teilhard and of letters from such friends, relatives, and scholars of Teilhard’s life as Rhoda and Helmut de Terra, Malvina Hoffman, Jeanne Mortier, Lucile
Swan, Marguerite Teilhard-Chambon, Joseph Teilhard de Chardin, and Janetta Warre, among others. Of particular interest is one of the rare original mimeographed copies of Teilhard’s *Le Phénomène humain*, prepared by Teilhard in the late 1940s for private circulation.

*Gift of Pierre Leroy, S.J.*
1947-1984 (bulk: 1948-1955) ≈ 1.50 linear feet

**Adrienne Croissant Papers**

A collection of 77 letters sent by Teilhard de Chardin to Mme. Adrienne Croissant, with important commentaries on his life, work and travels as well as his concern for the loss of her son in World War II. Also included are 25 of his mimeographed publications, many being presentation copies.

*Acquired through the generosity of the Thomas J. Healey Family Foundation*
1946-1954 ≈ 1.50 linear feet

**Lukas-Teilhard de Chardin Collection**

The Lukas collection consists of the research files amassed by Mary and Ellen Lukas in the writing of their book *Teilhard, A Biography* (1977). These files consist of original letters, photographs, and photoreproductions of unpublished letters to and from Teilhard, his family, friends, and associates, along with some related printed materials.

*Gift of Mary and Ellen Lukas in memory of their father, Alexander J. Lukas (D’26)*
1899-1985 ≈ 1.50 linear feet

**Granger-Teilhard de Chardin Collection**

The collection consists of a group of 18 letters from Teilhard de Chardin to Walter Granger, chief paleontologist of the Central Asiatic Expedition. Written from China, for the most part the letters concern then-recent paleontological discoveries in that country.

1924-1935 ≈ 0.25 linear foot

**Raphael-Teilhard de Chardin Collection**

The collection adds to Georgetown’s manuscript holdings of material by and about Teilhard de Chardin a group of 37 autograph letters, two typewritten manuscripts, and related offprints and photographs sent by Teilhard to his long-time friend Françoise Raphael. The letters document at first hand Teilhard’s paleontological activities in China from 1938 through the 1940s and recount his disappointment with the Church’s view of his philosophy.

*Gift of Mme. Raphael*
1938-1952 ≈ 0.50 linear foot

**Robert T. Francoeur Papers**

The Francoeur papers contain a variety of correspondence and other documents relating in one way or another to Teilhard’s career, to the activities of the British and American Teilhard associations, and to various aspects of Francoeur’s own interest in Teilhard scholarship. Correspondents include Walter Ong,
S.J., George Barbour, and Jeanne Mortier. The collection also contains one Teilhard letter (1938) to Lucile Swan.  

*Gift of Mr. Francoeur*  
1938-1975 ≈ 1.50 linear feet

**Teilhard-Houdin Collection**  
The collection consists of 18 letters from Teilhard to a French acquaintance, Mme. R. J. Houdin. Largely consisting of personal advice, the letters also touch on Teilhard’s life in New York and his trips to South Africa and elsewhere.  

*Gift of Pierre Leroy, S.J.*  
1951-1955 ≈ 0.25 linear foot

**Marie Thérèse Dubalen-Nancy Corson Carter Collection**  
The collection contains 14 mimeographs by Teilhard de Chardin, two inscribed, sent to Marie Thérèse Dubalen, including three about his “Le Milieu Divin.” Although little is know about her, she was certainly close enough to Teilhard to be given these rare mimeographs. In 1986 she described him as “my old friend and mentor.”  

*Gift of Nancy Corson Carter*  
1934-1949 ≈ 0.50 linear foot

**Leroy-Warre Collection**  
The collection contains more than 100 letters from Pierre Leroy, S.J., to Janetta Warre and dealing primarily with the works of Teilhard de Chardin and the Teilhard de Chardin Centenary Exhibition organized by Mrs. Warre in London and Edinburgh in 1983. There are also letters from a variety of others interested in Teilhard, including Thomas M. King, S.J., Ursula King, Solange Soulié, and Leo W. Zonneveld, as well as printed articles, and a dozen audio cassettes of talks about Teilhard.  

*Gift of Janetta Warre*  
1980-1992 ≈ 1.75 linear feet

**Constantin Kluge-Pierre Leroy Collection**  
The collection consists of 34 autograph letters to Kluge from Pierre Leroy, S.J., together with a lengthy reminiscence by Kluge on his acquaintance with Teilhard de Chardin and others in his circle, especially Claude Rivière and Leroy. A complete typed transcription of the letters has been provided by Mme. Solange Soulié, a close friend of Pierre Leroy.  

*Gift of Constantin Kluge*  
1976-1993 ≈ 0.25 linear foot

**Lady Bronwen Astor Papers**  
The collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, minutes of meetings, reports, and related materials, all concerning Teilhard de Chardin and the great interest in him that formed in Britain. The papers were collected by Lady Bronwen Astor, a longtime council member of the Teilhard Association of Great Britain and Ireland, founded in 1966, which changed its name in 1970 to The Teilhard Centre for the Future of Man. This archive well documents the history of that organization.  

*Gift of Lady Bronwen Astor*  
1966-1984 ≈ 0.75 linear foot

**Leo W. Zonneveld Papers**  
TA collection concerning various organizations and events relating to Teilhard, including the Teilhard
colloquium at the United Nations; the International Teilhard Foundation; the United Teilhard Trust, and the Fondation Teilhard de Chardin (Paris). There are 19 letters from Pierre Leroy, S.J. as well as extensive correspondence from Robert H. Muller, Solange Soulie and Janetta Warre, among others.

Gift of Dr. Zonneveld
1981-2003 ≈ 2.00 linear feet

American Teilhard Association Library
The library's general holdings of texts by, about, or inspired by the example of Teilhard de Chardin were greatly strengthened by the addition of the more than 650 volumes which formerly made up the collection of the New York-based American Teilhard Association for the Future of Man. This collection, integrated with only a few exceptions into the library's main stacks, constitutes, when combined with Georgetown's other holdings, virtually all of the literature relating to Teilhard.

Gift of the American Teilhard Association

American Teilhard Association Archives
The extensive archives of the American Teilhard Association, dating from the 1960s, including the period when the noted scientist Theodosius Dobzhansky was president of the organization, consist of correspondence, clippings, articles, and journals, all relating to Teilhardian researches and studies over a forty year period. Correspondents include Ian G. Barbour, Claude Cuenot, Karl Schmitz-Moorman, and Bernard Towers, among many others.

Gift of John Grim, Mary Evelyn Tucker, and the American Teilhard Association
ca. 1960-2000 ≈ 18.00 linear feet

A number of other collections have material that bears on the life and thought of Teilhard de Chardin. The following may be cited:

- a collection of 19 letters, 1929-1931, between two noted anthropologists, Davidson Black and William Diller Matthew, with discussions of contemporary theories and references to Teilhard de Chardin;
- papers of Thomas M. King, S.J., ca. 1986-2001, in part about his Teilhard de Chardin researches, gift of Father King;
- the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection contains a few items relating to Teilhard de Chardin;
- the Schmitz-Moorman Teilhard de Chardin Collection, housed in the Woodstock Theological Center Library;
- the Barbour Collection, housed in the Woodstock Theological Center Library.