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Summary Information

Creator: DuBois, Bishop John

Title: Bishop John DuBois Papers

Date: 1824 - 1839

Extent: 0.4 linear feet (in 1 Hollinger box)

Language: English, Latin

Access Restrictions: Collection is open to researchers at the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York. 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); Bishop John DuBois Papers, Collection 001; box number, folder number. Archives of the Archdiocese of New York, St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie.

Location of Related Materials: none

Biographical/Historical Note

Born and ordained a priest in France, John Dubois fled the French Revolution, arriving in the United States in 1791. After working in the American South for several years, he founded Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1808. While there he served as spiritual director to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. In 1826, he was named Bishop of New York (the only non-Irish ordinary in the history of the Archdiocese). By the end of his episcopate there were over 200,000 Catholics in his diocese, and the numbers were growing. He established the first seminary in Nyack, New York, in 1833. In 1839, as his health worsened, Bishop John Hughes was appointed administrator of the diocese. Bishop DuBois died on December 20, 1842, and is buried at Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Scope & Content Note

The collection comprises the papers by and relating to Bishop John DuBois. This collection is mainly comprised of DuBois's correspondence during his time of Bishop of New York, as well as some pastoral letters and addresses. The items in Folder 3 consist of copies of items held in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Arrangement

Arranged in one series, which is arranged chronologically. Items in folders are also arranged chronologically whenever possible. There was no original order inherent in the collection when processing began; current chronological order was imposed during processing.

Administrative Information

Access and Use: Collection is open to researchers at the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York. Advance appointments are required for the use of archival materials.

Language: Latin, English; French

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Processing Note: There was no original order in the collection. Order was imposed during the processing stage. Once the order was established, the material was rehoused in acid-free folders and boxes. Original folder titles were maintained when available; for the most part, folder titles were assigned at processing stage.

Related Materials: none

Separated Materials: none

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Box Number	Folder Number	Description	Dates
1	001	Correspondence	July 29, 1824 - January 5, 1839
1	002	Faulties Granted to Bishop DuBois	May 21, 1826 - March 10, 1838
1	003	Correspondence with Archbishops of Baltimore	August 1826 - September 1837
1	004	Latin Mass Ordo	1833
1	005	Pastoral Letter	1834
1	006	Letter from Edward Hamill	December 31, 1836
1	007	Letter from Francis Man regarding St. Joseph's Church	1837
1	008	Pastoral Address	February 20, 1838
1	009	Pastoral Address, annotated by the son of James Shea	February 20, 1838
1	010	Pastoral Addresses of the Right Rev. Bishop Dubois to the Congregation of St. Patrick's Cathedral	1838