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Summary Information

Title: The 1995 Pope John Paul II Visit Collection

Date: 1994-1995

Extent: 5.4 linear feet (4 Paige boxes and 1 Hollinger box)

Language: English

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.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Initially, Pope John Paul II was scheduled to visit New York in October 1994. However an injury sustained in the spring of 1994, prevented the Pope from traveling across the Atlantic that year. His trip was postponed to the fall of 1995. On October 4, 1995 Pope John Paul II arrived at Newark International Airport. John Paul II was greeted by President and Mrs. Clinton at the airport before traveling deeper into Newark to celebrate mass with the faithful of New Jersey. October 5th marked the start of Pope John Paul II's second visit to New York as he made his way to the United Nations. In a speech commemorating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, Pope John Paul II called on the world leaders to move away from fear and "rediscover a spirit of trust." Later, Pope John Paul II celebrated mass at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. On October 6, 1995, the pope celebrated mass at the Aqueduct Raceway in Queens before travelling to Westchester for vesper prayer service at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The Pope shared this prayer service with Seminarians in the chapel at St. Joseph's as well as a crowd of 20,000 who listened to the service through the loudspeakers set up outside the seminary. The following morning, on October 7, Pope John Paul II said mass on the Great Lawn in Central Park to a crowd of over 130,000 people. After mass, Pope John Paul II closed out his trip to New York with a recitation of the rosary at St. Patrick's Cathedral with 3000 people. On October 8, the Pope left for Baltimore before returning to Rome.

Scope & Content Note

.The materials in this collection date to the time before, during, and after the October 1995 Pope John Paul II visit to New York. Most of the materials deal with the preliminary planning stages of the events that occurred during the pope's visit. Schedules, ticket requests, memorandums, and security information are contained in this collection. Additionally there is correspondence and other files that relate to the specific event sites, such as Central Park, St. Joseph's Seminary, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Ephemera such as programs and tickets and publications such as newspaper clippings and commemorative books can also be found in the collection. This collection also includes the planning material for the 1994 papal visit, which was ultimately cancelled and postponed to 1995. Blueprints of Central Park are also found in this collection.

Arrangement

Series I: Visit Planning and Documentation (**Restricted until 2020**)

Series II: Publications and Ephemera

Series III: Photographs

Series IV: Cancelled 1994 Papal Visit (**Restricted until 2019**)

Series V: Blueprints

Administrative Information

Access and Use: Part of the collection is open to researchers at the Archives of the Archdiocese of New York. Series I and Series IV are administrative records that are restricted until 2020 and 2019, respectively. Advance appointments are required for the use of archival materials.

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Processing Note: Original folder titles were kept, if available, during processing. There was no original order; however the categories of materials could be easily identified.

Separated Materials: Blueprints were placed in a flat file drawer.

Collection

Series I: Visit Planning and Documentation

This series is restricted until 2020

Series II: Publications and Ephemera

3	38	Prayer Cards	1995
3	39	Recitation of the Rosary Program at St. Patrick's Cathedral	Oct. 7, 1995
3	40	Commemorative tickets from Papal Visit	1995
3	41	Commemorative Booklets on Pope John Paul II	1988
3	42	Spring 3100 Publication	Sept/Oct 1995
3	43	Publication from Pope John Paul II's visit to Baltimore	1995
3	44	Media Accounts of the Visit	1995
3	45	Preparation of Prayer for the Coming of the Pope to St. Joseph's Seminary Booklet	1995
3	46	Text of Pope's UN Speech	1995
3	47	Special Section from Gannett Suburban Newspaper	Oct. 1, 1995
3	48	Catholic New York	Oct. 5, 1995
3	49	Catholic New York	Oct. 12, 1995
3	50	Papal Visit Booklet: Make Room for the Mystery of God	1995
3	51	Tickets from Central Park Mass	1995

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3	52	Sacramentary for Seminary and Central Park Mass	1995
3	53	Prayer Cards from St. Patrick's Cathedral Commemorating Visit	1995
3	54	Programs from Mass in Central Park	1995
3	55	Programs from Evening Prayer at St. Joseph's Seminary	1995
3	64	Sacramentary Used from Papal Visit	1995
9	2	Papal Visit Posters	1995

Series III: Photographs

3	56	Evening Prayer Service at St. Joseph's Seminary Photos	1995
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6	1	Central Park-Gift Bearers, Communicants, etc (1)	1995
6	2	Central Park- Gift Bearers, Communicants, etc (2)	1995
6	3	Central Park Mass- general	1995
6	4	Papal Dinner- Bishops	1995
6	5	Seminary- Holy Father with Secret Service, Police	1995
6	6	Seminary- Holy Father and Cardinals, Bishops	1995
6	7	Central Park- Bishops and Cardinals	1995
6	8	Cathedral- Holy Father and Bishops	1995

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6	9	Pope Greeting People	1995
7		Rolled Photos	1995
8		Rolled Photos	1995

Series IV: Cancelled 1994 Papal Visit

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Series V: Blueprints

The blueprints found in this collection are for the mass that was held at Central Park. Located in Oversized cabinet 1, drawer 9.