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Summary Information

Creator: Bonaventure F. Broderick

Title: The Bishop Bonaventure Broderick Collection

Date: 1860-1943

Extent: 1.3 linear feet (1 Hollinger box and 1 Flat File Box)

Language: English, Italian, and Spanish

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Most Reverend Bonaventure F. Broderick was the Vicar for Religious of the Archdiocese of New York and titular Bishop of Giuliopoli when he died in 1943. Bishop Broderick was born in Hartford, CT in 1868. He entered St. Charles College in 1889 in Ellicott City, Maryland. He continued his studies at the North American College in Rome and was ordained a priest there in 1896. He received a Doctor of Philosophy from the Propaganda (Pontifical Urbaniana University) in Rome. Bishop Broderick focused his studies on history and archaeology and participated in numerous archaeological digs in Rome. He published numerous works, one being *The Forum Stele*, a book about the original altar that the city of Rome was founded on.

In 1898, Broderick returned to Hartford and was assigned to the faculty of the new Preparatory Seminary of St. Thomas Aquinas. While in Connecticut, he also became involved in the erection of a new church, St. Mary's in Branford. Shortly after, he was sent to Havana, Cuba in 1900 to become secretary to Monsignor Donato Sbaretta. A year later he was transferred to work at the mission in Manila, Philippines before becoming a monsignor in 1902. He was sent back to Cuba as the official representative of the Church at the inauguration of the Republic of Cuba.

Broderick was elevated to bishop in 1903 when he was appointed titular see of Giuliopoli by Pope Pius X. Shortly after his elevation, Bishop Broderick was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Havana, Cuba. Bishop Broderick was met with some opposition from both his fellow clergymen and the Pope while bishop in Cuba. It is believed that this is why he retired in 1905.

Following his retirement, Broderick moved to Millbrook, New York where he ran a gas station. Eventually Cardinal Francis Spellman began to visit him in Millbrook. Spellman appointed Broderick as Chaplain of Francis Schreivier Hospital in Riverdale, New York in 1939. One year before his death, Bishop Broderick was appointed the Vicar of Religious for the Archdiocese of New York in 1942.

Scope & Content Note

The Bishop Bonaventure Broderick Collection consists of a small assortment of materials dating from 1860-1943. The majority of the collection consists of correspondence. Series I: Correspondence can be divided into three types of correspondence: family letters, letters written about Broderick, and letters that are written to and from Broderick. The family letters were the papers of John Broderick, Bishop Broderick's father. These papers were left to Broderick. Letters written about Broderick contain general information and inquiries, information about his time in Havana, and finally letters regarding his reinstatement by Cardinal Spellman in 1939.

Letters from Broderick consist of writings from his time as Auxiliary Bishop of Havana, his time in Millbrook, NY, and then letters from the end of his life as Vicar of Religious. The correspondence is arranged chronologically between those written about Broderick or by Broderick.

Series II: Other Materials consists of a notebook, a diary, and a book, *Breve Apostolicum*. This book is Broderick's from 1903 when he was in Havana and is written in both Latin and Spanish. Additionally there is a photocopy of Broderick's work *The Forum Steele*, and copies of Thomas M. Ginty's 1989 thesis on Bishop Broderick. Documents of Consecration for Bishop Broderick are also found in this collection. A scrapbook created by Bishop Broderick in 1903 is also found in the collection. The scrapbook contains letters from throughout Bishop Broderick's life.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two series:

Series I: Correspondence

Series II: Other Materials

Administrative Information

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Processing Note: This collection has been processed by multiple archivists over the years. Therefore, we are unable to determine what the original order is. The collection is small and therefore was arranged based on whether or not the materials were correspondence, which is a majority of the collection. The scrapbook found in the collection has been preserved and acid-

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free tissue paper was interspersed throughout the pages where there are letters. These letters were not originally pasted in the book, but just placed throughout.

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Box Number	Folder Number	Description	Date Range
1	1	Personal Papers of John Broderick [father]	1860-1888
1	2	Letters Regarding Information about Broderick	1904-1913
1	3	Letters from Cardinal John Farley to Cardinal Merry del Val	1912
1	4	Letter from Cardinal John Farley to Cardinal De Lai	1915
1	5	Letters Regarding Broderick's Reinstatement	1939
1	6	Letters About Broderick's Death	1943
1	7	Letters To and From Broderick	1905; 1939
1	8	Letters To and From Broderick	1940-1942
1	9	Document of Consecration for Broderick	1903 and 1905
1	10	Photocopy of <i>The Forum Steele</i> [written by Broderick]	undated
1	11	Bonaventure Finnbar Broderick- Thesis by Thomas Ginty	1989
1	12	<i>Breve Apostolicum</i> [book]	1903
1	13	Broderick's Notebook	undated
1	14	Diary [not Broderick's]	1912
2	1	Scrapbook	1903