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INTRODUCTION

The Stritch Family Papers, 1875-1927, are centered on Samuel Stritch (1887-1958), Priest of the Roman Catholic Church, 1910-1921; Bishop of Toledo, 1921-1930; Archbishop of Milwaukee, 1930-1939; Archbishop of Chicago, 1939-1945; Cardinal of Chicago, 1945-1958; first American Cardinal in the Pope's Cabinet; and Pro-Prefect of Sacred Congregation of Propaganda, March-May, 1958. These papers were deposited by Miss Catherine Stritch of Nashville, Tennessee.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in these papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Stritch Family Papers containing approximately 100 items, span the period 1875-1927. This collection is composed of bills, notes, receipts, correspondence, school reports, invitations, programs, and notices. The largest portion of these papers is correspondence, primarily of Cardinal Samuel Stritch (1887-1958), during the period while he was a student at the North American College in Rome. He wrote of the school and its standing; his examinations and grades; classmates, Brew and Hardeman; anticlerical riots, 1907; Thanksgiving, 1908; Jubilee year of Pope Pius X; Methodists in Rome; Rev. John Farrelly; Rev. John Morris; a trip through 19 Italian cities; and ordination at age 23, two years younger than usually allowed by the church. Other family correspondents include his father Garrett Stritch; his grandfather, Thomas Stritch, living in Ireland; and several of his uncles and brothers. There are 18 letters of Eugene Castner Lewis written to Garrett Stritch about his work with the Sycamore Manufacturing Company (manufacturers of sporting and blasting powder), a position he had obtained through the aid of Lewis. They became acquainted with each other at the boarding house of Stritch's mother-in-law, Mrs. O' Malley, in Louisville. Later Lewis gave up his position with the railroad and came to Sycamore Mills where he boarded with the Stritch family for awhile. The school reports are for Samuel Stritch and his brother, Eddie Stritch. An obituary of Cardinal Stritch has been added to the collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Stritch

- 1887 August 18 – Born in Nashville, Tennessee, son of Garrett and Katherine (O'Malley) Stritch. Both parents were Irish. Katherine emigrated to the United States with her parents when she was quite young and settled in Louisville, where her mother ran a boarding house. Garrett Stritch (1841-1896) came to Louisville in 1879 and boarded with Mrs. O'Malley. He married Katherine around 1880. They moved to Sycamore Mills very soon where Eugene Castner Lewis had obtained for him a position as manager of the Commissary. After a short time they moved to Nashville, Tennessee where he became manager of the Nashville office of the Sycamore Mills plant, a subsidiary of DuPont. All of the Stritch children were born in Nashville.
- 1892-1901 Attended Assumption School and Cathedral School
- 1901-1903 Attended St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1903-1910 Attended North American College in Rome
- 1910 Ordained Priest two years younger than the church usually allowed by dispensation from the Pope
- 1911-ca. 1913 Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Memphis
- ca. 1913 Secretary of Rev. Thomas S. Byrne, Bishop of Nashville
- ca. 1916 Chancellorship of diocese of Nashville and made a Monsignor
- 1921-1930 Bishop of Toledo
- 1930-1939 Archbishop of Milwaukee
- 1939-1945 Archbishop of Chicago
- 1945-1958 Cardinal of Chicago
- 1958, March Director of Mission work for the entire Catholic Church. First American to serve in the Pope's Cabinet
- 1958, May 26 Died in Rome

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