



Irish Capuchin Archives

Descriptive List

Mission and Retreat Papers

Collection Code: IE/CA/MR

A collection of records relating to missions and retreats conducted by the Irish Capuchin Franciscans including papers relating to the Temperance Crusade in the twentieth century

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Identity Statement

Reference Code	IE/CA/MR
Title	Mission and Retreat Papers
Creation Dates	1889-1984, predominately 1900-1915
Creator(s)	Irish Capuchins
Level of Description	Fonds
Extent	5 boxes, comprising 73 files, 27 items and 8 OS bound volumes

Context

History

The Mission and Retreat Apostolate

Since the foundation of the Order in the early sixteenth century preaching by the Capuchin Franciscan friars has played an important role in the life of the Catholic Church. It was also one of the foremost apostolates and evangelistic activities undertaken by the Irish Capuchins. The practice of preaching week-long special missions became widespread in Ireland after Catholic Emancipation (1829). The upsurge in devotional practices and the dramatic increase in Mass attendance in the late nineteenth century created a widespread demand for parish missions and retreats. Secular (diocesan) priests were not always plentiful so there was a general dependence upon religious orders for preaching and for parish mission work. The geographical extent of these missions ranged throughout the entire country. The content of the sermons preached during these missions centred on traditional themes such as vices and virtue and punishment and glory, embodying the Franciscan charism of self-denial, the performance of penance, and peace and goodwill to all. The form of the mission followed traditional patterns with sermons preached by the friars focusing on devotion and prayer. This was frequently adapted to local circumstances. The increasing demand for parish missions and retreats from both the laity and from religious congregations placed a severe demand on the Capuchins. It was difficult to maintain regular religious observance, staff churches and run lay sodalities when many friars and preachers were away on mission work. Despite these difficulties, the number of missions conducted by the Irish friars increased in the first decades of the twentieth century. In the years from 1910 to 1913 the Capuchins undertook 405 weeks of missions throughout Ireland. Fr. James O'Mahony OFM Cap. (1897-1962), Provincial Minister, referred to the importance of mission preaching in a circular letter to the friars dated 31 August 1943:

A mission or retreat is a very serious and sacred thing in the eyes of the secular clergy and the people who ... who expect us to be distinctive and other, bringing with us that Franciscan atmosphere ... We, therefore, exhort the priest to compose their lives, when on missions and retreats, that they will give a true picture of Franciscan spirituality. Let them avoid everything that might shock the spiritual susceptibilities of the clergy and the people; let them observe such external properties as are demanded by the Gospel; and God will bless and reward them as true heirs to the apostolate of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Temperance Crusade in the twentieth century

Mission work increased dramatically when the Capuchins accepted an invitation from the Irish Catholic hierarchy to preach a national temperance crusade in 1905. Inspired by the life of the famed temperance campaigner and Capuchin priest, [Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC](#) (1790-1856), the

Irish bishops entrusted the campaign to promote teetotalism throughout Ireland to the friars. The Capuchins dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to the task. Twelve priests were selected to undertake the work and they preached dozens of temperance missions every year. The characteristics of the temperance crusade built upon the existing missionary work of the friars. Travelling from parish to parish, the priests would preach on temperance, give the pledge to refrain from alcohol for at least twelve months, and encourage the congregation to go to confession and receive communion. In order to perpetuate the fruits of their work, efforts were also made to establish temperance sodalities which would meet once a month in the local church. The crusade, which began in earnest in January 1906, was solidly supported by the bishops and clergy who facilitated the efforts of the Capuchin preachers. In 1906, 117 parishes in 23 of the 28 dioceses in the country were visited and a total of about 200,000 pledges were given. In 1912, Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC (1874-1951), Provincial Minister, informed the General Minister of the Order that since 1905 the pledge had been given to 1,141,191 persons. *The Father Mathew Record*, a monthly magazine founded by Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC (1870-1957) in 1908 to advance the cause of temperance, published glowing accounts of temperance demonstrations, missions and processions throughout the country. Fr. Aloysius was also responsible for founding the League of Young Irish Crusaders in 1909. Membership of this organisation was confined to persons under twenty years of age. It aimed to promote total abstinence and loyalty to the church and encourage the study of the Irish language and culture. In the first year of its existence, the League succeeded in enrolling almost 100,000 members.

The missionary zeal of the friars ensured that their temperance work extended to almost every part of the country. From Falcarragh in north Donegal to Bantry in west Cork, and from Achill Island off the western seaboard to the urban centres of Dublin and Belfast, the Capuchins worked tirelessly on the temperance mission. Despite the encouraging signs, it quickly became evident that the friars' labours were not all that effective. At the end of a short mission, they would give the pledge to all comers and then move on to another parish the following week. Without any organizational support to follow-up, many of those who took the pledge soon fell away. It was clear that enthusiasm for temperance cooled when there was no permanent structure in place to continue the work. On returning to parishes that had previously been visited, the friars found only disappointing evidence of their missionary labours with no central register recording renewals of the pledge. It also appeared that many had rapidly discarded their temperance badges. Fr. Aloysius admitted in 1914 'that despite wonderful success attending our missionary zeal in every part of Ireland ... the result in so far as it remains a permanent memorial of our work is not what it should be'. For a time, temperance societies and pledge-giving did flourish in locations where the Capuchins maintained a permanent foundation or residence. Many friars continued to work enthusiastically for the cause and priests on missions rarely neglected a sermon on the dangers of intemperance but there was to be no revival of a nationwide Capuchin-led total abstinence movement. By the early 1960s dramatic cultural and economic changes in Irish society resulted in a marked decline in popular enthusiasm for the temperance cause. Membership of total abstinence societies (such as the Sacred Thirst Sodalities, the League of Young Irish Crusaders and the Pioneers) collapsed. The steady decline in vocations also ensured that the Capuchins (in common with other religious orders) no longer had the personnel or resources to conduct the kind of extensive parish missions and retreats which were once a defining feature of their ministry in Ireland.

Archival History

The fonds form part of the archival collection of the Irish Province of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. The collection is held at the Provincial Archives, Capuchin Friary of St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin 7.

Content and Structure

Scope and content

The collection includes records relating to parish missions and retreats preached by the Irish Capuchin Franciscan friars in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The fonds also includes material relating to temperance missions given by the friars in response to a call from the Irish Catholic hierarchy to undertake a nationwide total abstinence campaign in 1905. Record series include lists of missions or retreats given by the Capuchins, local mission accounts and commentaries, temperance and pledge-taking records, correspondence, publicity material, printed ephemera and newspaper reports on missions preached by the friars.

System of arrangement

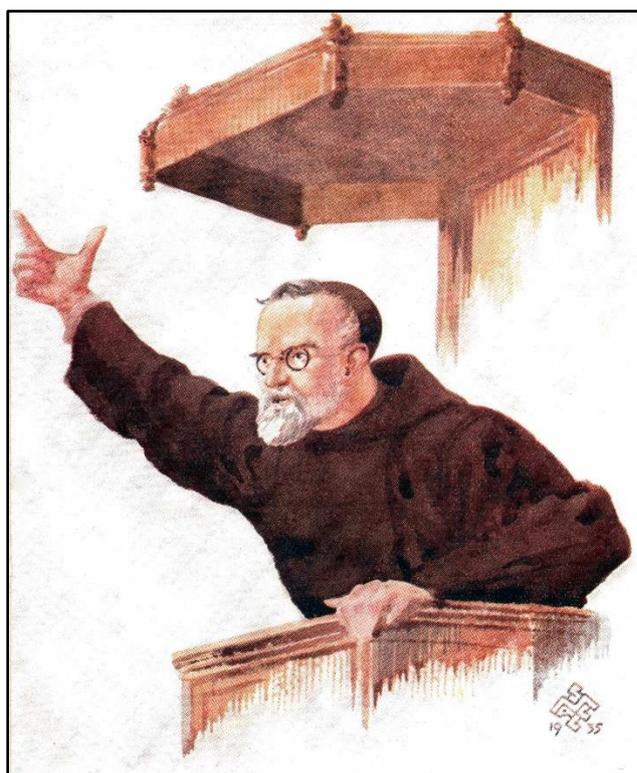
The material has been catalogued (2019) and a new arrangement imposed upon the fonds. The collection has been divided into two series, which have been further divided into sub-series (arranged by document type). The papers in each series represent a distinct grouping. The first series includes material specifically related to temperance missions preached by the Capuchin friars throughout Ireland in the late nineteenth century and in the early years of the twentieth century. The second series includes records relating to general missions, retreats and tridua given by the friars to parish congregations, lay confraternities, sodalities and associations, and (particularly in later years) other religious orders and societies. All the papers within the various divisions have been arranged chronologically.

Postnominal Abbreviation

The Capuchin Franciscans are an order of friars within the Catholic Church, among the chief offshoots of the Observant Franciscans (Order of Friars Minor) founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209. The Capuchins have used several postnominal abbreviations during their existence. In Latin, the Order is officially referred to as the *Ordo Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum* (Order of Friars Minor Capuchin) usually abbreviated to OFM Cap. Up until about the second decade of the twentieth century the postnominal abbreviation of OSFC (Latin: *Ordinis Santi Francisci Capuccinorum*) was widely used. The text of this catalogue broadly reflects this change and utilises the older postnominal abbreviation of OSFC to refer to friars living from the foundation of the Capuchins in 1520 up until the first decades of the twentieth century.

Access and Descriptive Control

Language	Most of the material within this collection is written in English. Some specific material is in Latin, Italian and French.
Physical characteristics	The papers are generally in good condition
Finding Aid	Descriptive catalogue
Archivist's note	Catalogue compiled by Provincial Archivist
Conventions	ISAD(G), 2 nd ed. (2000); <i>Irish Guidelines for Archival Description</i> (2009)
Date of description	August 2019
Access Conditions	Access is open to bona fide researchers
Reproduction Conditions	Reproduction and licensing rules available on request
Allied Materials	A descriptive catalogue of research material relating to Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC (1790-1856) and his nineteenth-century temperance crusade is available at http://www.capuchinfranciscans.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/5.-Descriptive-List-Web-Fr.-Theobald-Mathew-Research-and-Commemorative-Papers.pdf This collection also includes records relating to commemorations of Fr. Mathew and material generated by temperance organisations and societies in the twentieth century.



(Left) An *Seanmóinidhe*, a watercolour by [Somhairle MacCann](#) (1901-1975). The artist responsible for this illustration of a Capuchin preacher had two younger brothers who were friars, Fr. Gerald McCann OFM Cap. (1910-1958) and Fr. Cuthbert McCann OFM Cap. (1906-1991). The illustration appeared in [The Capuchin Annual \(1936\)](#).

Illustrations



Capuchin missionaries blessing fishing boats at Brandon Pier, County Kerry, c.1930



Capuchin friars using currachs for a mission to an island community off the west coast of Ireland, c.1935

1. Temperance Mission

Level: Series

Dates of Creation: 1889-1948, predominately 1900-1915

Scope and Content: The series includes records relating to temperance missions preached by the Irish Capuchin friars in the late nineteenth century and in the early years of the twentieth century. In October 1905 the Irish Catholic hierarchy called upon the Capuchins to undertake a nationwide temperance crusade. The friars preached dozens of temperance missions in parishes throughout the country. It was noted in 1912 that their 'labours in the parishes partook much of the character of short missions or spiritual exercises, sometimes for three days, often times for a week, and not infrequently a fortnight ... going from parish to parish, as consecutively as possibly, over a district. Experience proves that in the question of drink, the influence of one locality tells very much for good or for evil' (**CA/MR/1/2/1/4**). The series includes local mission reports, subscription and pledge-taking records, correspondence, publicity material, ephemera and newspaper reports relating to the temperance crusade.

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript; printed; newspaper clipping

Extent: 36 files and 18 items

1.1. Temperance Mission Lists and Pledge-Taking Records

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1902-1914

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript; printed

Extent: 10 files and 5 items

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| CA/MR/1/1/1 | <p>Temperance Hall in Sligo
28 Nov. 1902
Item
Printed
4 pp
Letter and subscription list re the erection of a new temperance hall in Sligo Town. Subscriptions are directed to be sent to either the parish priests in the town or to the Most Rev. John Clancy, Bishop of Elphin.</p> |
| CA/MR/1/1/2 | <p>Mission and Retreat Lists
c.1903-1940
File
Bound volume; manuscript
16 cm x 10 cm
48 pp
Notebook compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC detailing the missions and retreats given by him and other Capuchin friars from c.1903-08. The opening page notes that he was ordained on 23 Feb. 1902. An index is extant at the start of the volume. Information is given in respect of the location of the retreat or mission, the date, and the number of confessions heard and sermons preached. Occasional reference is made the subject of sermons and lectures such as 'charity', 'the mercy of God', and 'the dangers of drink'. The file also includes a separate typescript listing of missions, retreats and special sermons given by Fr. Angelus from 1903-40.</p> |

- CA/MR/1/1/3** **List of Temperance Missions**
 c.1906
 Item
 Manuscript
 2 pp
 Listing compiled by Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC of the dates of temperance missions and the numbers taking the pledge in various parishes including Ballinrobe, Westport, Louisburgh, Clare Island, Clonmel and Kells. Remarks are also included in relation to the existence of a temperance hall and the names of the Capuchin friars involved in the mission.
- CA/MR/1/1/4** **List of Pledge-Takers in the Royal Irish Constabulary**
 c.1906
 Item
 Manuscript
 1 p
 List of Royal Irish Constabulary members who took the pledge during the temperance crusade. The name of the individual and whether he took the pledge for life or one or two years is given.
- CA/MR/1/1/5** **Temperance Mission in Belfast**
 Feb. 1907
 Item
 Typescript
 1 p
 Schedule for a temperance mission organised by the Capuchin friars in Belfast from 3-5 Feb. 1907.
- CA/MR/1/1/6** **Membership Records of the League of Young Irish Crusaders**
OS
 c.1909
 File
 Bound volume; manuscript
 34.5 cm x 22.5 cm
 714 pp of which 67 pp are endorsed
 A membership volume associated with the League of Young Irish Crusaders. Lists of promoters of the League are given on the opening pages of the volume. The promoters are mainly drawn from Counties Dublin, Tyrone, Longford, Fermanagh, Roscommon and Wicklow. The membership entries are listed alphabetically under surname, address and age. The membership of the Crusaders was confined to children and young adults who promised to abstain from taking an intoxicating drink. Members were expected to join the Father Mathew Total Association and to become members of a local Sacred Thirst sodality. A good number of pages in the volume remain blank.
 Conservation note: The front and end covers are badly frayed and scuffed. Careful manual handling is required.
- CA/MR/1/1/7** **Pledge-Takers in Ennis, County Clare**
 c.1910
 File
 Manuscript
 7 pp

File containing records of pledges (taken for life and for one year) taken by individuals residing in Ennis, County Clare. The names of the individuals and their places of residence are given. Some of the lists are compiled in copybooks and are titled: 'The Young Irish Crusaders, Christian Schools, Ennis'; 'St Joseph's School, Convent of Mercy, Ennis', 'Ennis Boys' School', 'Boarding School, Pledges for Life'.

- CA/MR/1/1/8 Pledge-Takers in Limerick**
 Sept. 1910
 File
 Bound volume; manuscript
 32 cm x 14 cm
 90 pp
 List of approximately two and half thousand names and addresses of those who took the total abstinence pledge for life at a mission given by the Capuchin friars at St. Joseph's Church, Limerick, in Autumn 1910. The date given on the title page is 18 Sept. 1910.
 Conservation note: The spine-binding of the volume is cracked, and the text-block is partially detached from the covers. Careful manual handling is required.
- CA/MR/1/1/9 Pledge-Takers in Schull, County Cork**
 c.1910
 Item
 Manuscript
 9 pp
 Lists of pledge-takers in the parish of Schull in County Cork. The lists include those who took the pledge under the parish priest, [Fr. John O'Connor](#). The second list identifies those who took the pledge for life or for one year, and the names of the Young Irish Crusaders.
- CA/MR/1/1/10 Pledge-Takers in Glenswilly, County Donegal**
 c.1910
 Item
 Manuscript
 7 pp
 List of individuals who took the total abstinence pledge during a mission in Glenswilly, County Donegal.
- CA/MR/1/1/11 Mission List**
 Sept. 1910-July 1912
 Item
 Manuscript
 2 pp
 A table showing the number of week-long missions given by the 'Mission Staff'. The information is listed under the name of the Capuchin friar and the number of weeks on missions from Sept. 1910 to July 1912.
- CA/MR/1/1/12 Temperance Society in Clonmacnoise Parish**
 Nov. 1911
 File

Manuscript

4 items

List compiled by Fr. P. MacNamara of members of the temperance society in the parish of Clonmacnoise, King's County (416 adults and 188 under the age of 21). Includes a separate listing of individuals (with addresses) of those who have taken the pledge. With a cover letter (28 Nov. 1911) to Fr. Benedict Phelan OSFC.

CA/MR/1/1/13

Pledge-Takers in Parishes of Taghmon and Turin, County Westmeath

15 May 1913

Item

Manuscript

15 pp

Listing of individuals who took the total abstinence pledge in the parish of Taghmon and Turin (located in County Westmeath and in the diocese of Meath) in 1913. The total is noted as 542. Information is given under the headings of name, residence and period for which the pledge was taken.

CA/MR/1/1/14

Temperance Badges

9 Sept. 1913

Item

Manuscript

1 p

A record of temperance badges circulated by the Capuchin friars from 1 January 1911 to 31 July 1913.

CA/MR/1/1/15

Temperance Badges

1914

Item

Manuscript

1 p

Listing of temperance badges circulated from September 1906 to 9 April 1914. The listing distinguishes between life and time-limited badges and those awarded to children. The total number of badges is noted as 1,039,149.

1.2. Temperance Mission Reports

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1901-1926

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript; printed

Extent: 4 files and 8 items

1.2.1. General Temperance Mission Reports

Level: Sub-sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1901-1926

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript

Extent: 3 files and 4 items

CA/MR/1/2/1/1 Temperance Mission Record Book

OS

1901-1904

File

Bound volume; manuscript

34 cm x 22 cm

315 pp

Record book chronicling the work of the National Temperance Crusade undertaken by the Capuchin friars at the request of the Irish Catholic bishops. The volume contains brief accounts of the various missions and the numbers who took the pledge in the various dioceses. The volume is paginated, and the information is arranged alphabetically by diocese name. It appears that the volume was left unused as a large portion of the content is left blank. A two-page manuscript insert by Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC refers to the origins of the temperance crusade and to the request from the Catholic bishops to the Irish Capuchins to formally begin their temperance missions in October 1905.

Conservation note: The volume is in poor condition. The spine cover is completely detached, and the text block is exposed. There is also some slight rubbing to the cover ends. Careful manual handling is required.

CA/MR/1/2/1/2 Memorandum on Temperance Reform

10 Oct. 1901

Item

Typescript; manuscript additions

8 pp

Memorandum re the need for temperance reform and the establishment of the Total Abstinence Association and the Catholic Total Abstinence Union. The report was read in the Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin. It is noted that the organisations shall be 'Catholic and non-political'.

CA/MR/1/2/1/3 Draft Report on the National Temperance Crusade

1907

Item

Manuscript; typescript

9 pp

Draft report (28 Feb. 1907) by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC (1857-1939), Provincial Minister, on the work of the first year of the National Temperance Crusade led by the Capuchin friars. The report was compiled for Fr. Bernard Christen of

Andermatt OSFC, Minister General of the Order in Rome. With a cover letter (21 May 1907) from Fr. Paul and a manuscript copy of Fr. Bernard's reply. The report reads:

'The Irish Bishops confided this National Crusade to us in October 1905 ... but the preaching of the Crusade did not practically begin before January 1906. ... The preaching of this Temperance Crusade was specially carried out by twelve of our Fathers, who have been almost constantly engaged during the time. Their labours in the parishes partook much of the character of short missions or spiritual exercises, sometimes for three days, other times a week, and not unfrequently a fortnight'.

The report also includes testimonials from various Irish bishops and other prominent figures commending the work of the Capuchin friars in leading the temperance crusade.

CA/MR/1/2/1/4 Report on the Capuchin Temperance Mission

7 May 1912

File

Typescript

32 cm x 20.5 cm

2 copies; 27 pp

Report on Capuchin Temperance Mission in Ireland compiled by Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC, Provincial Minister, in response to a request from the General Minister of the Order in Rome. The report refers to the progress of the temperance crusade in Ireland and includes information on the number of missions preached and total abstinence pledges taken. The report notes that the Capuchins have 'administered the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion to 1,200 on each Mission. ... We have given the pledge to an average of 800 in each Parish and have a record of having administered the Pledge since the beginning of this Crusade to 1,141,191'. (p. 10). It also includes favourable testimonials from the Irish Catholic hierarchy and other prominent figures. The principal headings in the report are as follows:

The Origins and Progress of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association
The Pledge

Pastorals on Temperance from the Bishops of Ireland

Testimony of His Eminence Cardinal Logue / Primate of All Ireland

Bishops' Opinions

Testimony of the Clergy

Leading articles from the *Freeman's Journal* / the principal paper in Ireland

Press References

Testimonies from Judges, Public Officials and Lord Mayors

CA/MR/1/2/1/5 Notes and Suggestions re Temperance Legislation

May 1925

Item

Typescript

10 pp

Notes and suggestions on temperance legislation compiled by J.P. Dunne, a member of the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation and a former secretary of the Irish Industrial League and executive member of the Dublin Trades'

Council (DTC). The report was submitted to the commission for enquiry into the liquor traffic in Saorstát Éireann.

- CA/MR/1/2/1/6 Papers at Father Mathew Union Meetings**
 c.1925
 Item
 Typescript
 1 p
 List of papers read at the Father Mathew Union Meetings from 1902-24 'which it is proposed to reprint in a memorial volume'. The report of the Father Mathew Union for 1910 has 'Rev. C.C. Hynes, "St. Patrick's Temperance League of the West"'.
CA/MR/1/2/1/7 Report of the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland
 1926
 File
 Typescript
 2 copies; 10 pp
 Report of the executive committee of the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland, 1923-26. The agenda for the fourth triennial Congress of the Federation, (held on 24-25 June 1926) is also attached.

1.2.2. Local Temperance Mission Reports

Level: Sub-sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1904-1910

Format: Manuscript; printed

Extent: 1 file and 4 items

- CA/MR/1/2/2/1 Temperance Meeting in Skibbereen, County Cork**
 21 April 1904
 Item
 Printed
 16 pp
 Report on the 'Great Meeting' on the temperance cause held in the Town Hall, Skibbereen, County Cork, on 21 April 1904. The report is a reprint taken from the *Cork County Eagle*. Includes a lengthy preface by the Most Rev. Denis Kelly, Bishop of Ross.
CA/MR/1/2/2/2 Address to Kilcormac Temperance Association
 29 January 1906
 Item
 Manuscript
 2 pp
 An address to Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC and Fr. Benignus Brennan OFM Cap from the members of the Kilcormac Temperance Hall in King's County (Offaly). The address commends the friars' temperance mission in the parish.

CA/MR/1/2/2/3 Reports on Local Temperance Missions

1906

Item

Manuscript

5 pp

Report by Fr. Benignus Brennan OSFC on temperance missions given in various part of the country. The report includes the location of the mission, frequently terse information on the success (or otherwise) of the preaching including the numbers taking the pledge, and the general state of the temperance cause in the locality. The report includes references to missions held in Burtonport, Dungloe, Gweedore, Falcarragh, Dunfanaghy, Ballyshannon, Athleague, Westport, Achill and Ballygar. The report for Achill Island (where a mission was held from 9-12 Nov. 1906) reads as follows:

‘Ochone, ochone, the memory of it is enough to make one laugh or weep. The people are moral but absolutely indifferent, if not worse. About 330 took the pledge in this district and most of the people didn’t come near the church at all, so our exhortations to come to the retreat the old woman would answer – “musha may I would and may be wouldn’t”. To give a triduum in Achill and thereby do good would require the eloquence of St. Chrysostom, the strength of a Jerome and the support of the cat o’ nine tails, with which to drive the semi junipers to church. “Sure”, say they, “if our priests can’t do their work, let them pay others to do it out of their own pockets”. The parish priest was a splendid curser and in mortal terror of Fr. P[au]l’.

CA/MR/1/2/2/4 Reports on Local Temperance Missions

1906

Item

Manuscript

3 pp

Report by Fr. Albert Bibby OSFC on temperance missions from Oct.-Dec. 1906. The report includes the location of the mission, information on the success (or otherwise) of the preaching including the numbers taking the pledge and the general state of the temperance cause in the locality. The locations include Ballyforan, Ballycar, Louisburgh and Clare Island. The [report on Ballycar](#), County Galway (where a mission was held from 2-16 Dec 1906) reads as follows:

‘Nearly all the heads of families took a pledge not to give intoxicating drinks at funerals or wakes or American wakes (held on night previous to some member of family going to America) whilst all others promised not to accept drink on these occasions’.

CA/MR/1/2/2/5 Report of the Ladies’ Visiting Temperance Society, Cork

1908

Item

Printed

22 cm x 14.2 cm

15 pp

Report of the Ladies’ Visiting Temperance Society attached to the Capuchin Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Cork. The President of the Association was Fr. Matthew O’Connor OSFC.

- CA/MR/1/2/2/6 Souvenir of Temperance Demonstration in Longford**
 July 1910
 File
 Printed
 2 copies; 30 pp
 Illustrated souvenir of the Great Temperance Demonstration held in Longford Town on 3 July 1910. Includes photographs and reports on speeches at the demonstration including an address by Most Rev. Joseph Hoare, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC and many other public figures.

1.3. Correspondence relating to the Temperance Mission

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1902-1937

Format: Manuscript; typescript; printed

Extent: 7 files and 1 item

- CA/MR/1/3/1 Correspondence with the Capuchin Procurator General**
 17 Feb. 1902-14 Jan. 1904
 File
 Manuscript
 Latin and French
 13 items
 Correspondence (including draft replies) with the Capuchin Procurator General in Rome mainly re indulgences for the temperance campaign. The letters also refer to permissions to establish confraternities and total abstinence sodalities in Cork and in Dublin.
- CA/MR/1/3/2 Correspondence with the Irish Bishops**
 16 Dec. 1902-6 Nov. 1908
 File
 Manuscript
 16 items
 Correspondence of Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, and Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, with the Catholic Bishops of Derry, Ferns, Waterford and Lismore, Down and Connor, Dromore, Clogher, Kilmore, the Archbishop of Tuam, the Archbishop of Dublin, and Cardinal Michael Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, re the publication of the Capuchin Franciscan *Temperance Manual*, the establishment of temperance sodalities in the various dioceses, and the general progress of the temperance crusade conducted by the friars. The draft letter from Fr. Paul Neary OSFC to [Archbishop William Walsh](#) (1841-1921) refers to the good work Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC is doing among the trades' societies and artisan classes in Dublin (10 Apr. 1906).
- CA/MR/1/3/3 Correspondence of the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore**
 1905-1906
 File
 Manuscript; typescript; printed
 English and Latin
 21 items

Correspondence of the Most Rev. [Richard Alphonsus Sheehan](#) (1845-1915), Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, with Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, re the resolution of the Irish Catholic hierarchy that 'the Capuchin Fathers be asked to set apart a certain number of their body for the preaching of a Temperance Crusade in the Country'. A manuscript addition on one copy of the letters reads: 'Copy of above sent to Fr. Finbarr's, Cork, at his request (Fr. Albert Bibby, 26 Feb. 1918)'. With copy replies to Bishop Sheehan and the [Most Rev. Patrick Foley](#) (1858-1926), Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and several copies of *Suggestions for temperance work submitted to the standing committee of Bishops* (January 1906).

CA/MR/1/3/4**Letters from the Bishop of Raphoe**

26 April 1906-6 Nov. 1906

File

Manuscript

2 items

Letters from the [Most Rev. Patrick O'Donnell](#) (1856-1927), Bishop of Raphoe, to Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, re the progress of temperance work in County Donegal.

CA/MR/1/3/5**Temperance Mission in Dungarvan, County Waterford**

1907

File

Manuscript; typescript

7 items

File relating to a temperance mission in the parishes in the deanery of Dungarvan, County Waterford. The file includes correspondence from Fr. Prendergast, Parish Priest, Dungarvan, and a summary listing of the dates and arrangements for the proposed mission (conducted by the Capuchin friars) in various parishes in Waterford.

CA/MR/1/3/6**Letter conveying Papal Blessing for Temperance Mission**

11 Jan. 1911

Item

Manuscript

4 pp

Letter from Fr. William OSFC, Franciscan Monastery, Crawley, Sussex, to Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. enclosing a copy of a blessing from Pope Pius X. It reads: '... the Friars Minor Capuchin of the Irish Province, charged by the Bishops of Ireland, to spread the apostolate of Temperance, have had the happy idea of aggregating to such a society even the children, and at the present moment there about two hundred thousand young members who promise to abstain throughout their lives from alcoholic beverages ...'.

CA/MR/1/3/7**Correspondence from Parish Priests re Temperance Missions**

11 Sept. 1913-7 June 1919

File

Bound volume; manuscript

22 cm x 13.5 cm

50 pp

A notebook containing extracts from letters received from parish priests and other individuals (mostly religious) referring to retreats and temperance missions given by Capuchin friars from 1913-19. The volume was compiled by Fr. Albert Bibby OSFC, Provincial Secretary. Most of the letters refer to requests for friars to conduct missions and (in some cases) to the need for the priests to converse in Irish. The volume includes:

- A letter from Fr. Innocent Ryan, Parish Priest, Fethard, County Tipperary, affirms that the local men 'have safely ridden the storm of temptation that blew over the place on the occasion of the "old fair" on Friday last. Bucket fulls of coffey [sic] were consumed; and even Bovril (Friday and all!) was, under false ideas of permission, brought into requisition'. Nov. 1913.
- A letter from Rev. Phelan, Parish Priest, Glenmore, County Waterford, to Fr. Augustine Hayden OSFC, notes that the 'harvest was threshed without drink and the farmers and labourers were perfectly happy. Only in two cases out of possibly 200 threshings was an attempt made to break through the pledge'. (17 Jan. 1914).
- A letter from Rev. J. Flavin, Parish Priest, County Arklow, Wicklow, to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, refers to his desire to have Fr. Laurence Dowling OSFC for a mission. He added 'I did not mind who came with him provided he was not a Sinn Feiner'. (28 Dec. 1917).

CA/MR/1/3/8

Letter from the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore

13 Oct. 1937-15 Oct. 1937

File

Manuscript; typescript

2 items

Letter from the Most Rev. Jeremiah Kinane, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, to Fr. Colman Griffin OFM Cap., Provincial Minister, re the inclusion of the centenary of the inauguration of the total abstinence campaign in the Bishop's Lenten Pastoral Letters. With a typescript reply from Fr. Colman.

1.4. Temperance Mission Sermons and Lectures

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1902-1911

Format: Typescript; newspaper clipping

Extent: 2 files and 1 item

CA/MR/1/4/1

Mission Sermons of Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC

1902-1907

File

Manuscript

8 items

Sermons preached by Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC (1874-1951) at various temperance missions. The sermons are titled, and most are dated January 1907. One of the sermons is titled: 'Temperance demonstration, Nov. 11th, 1902. Others are titled: 'Temperance Crusade, First Sermon, 'Intemperance / Second Sermon – Crusade' and 'Intemperance / results for children / evil consequences for ourselves'.

- CA/MR/1/4/2** **Temperance Mission Lecture of Fr. Paul Neary OSFC**
 June 1906
 File
 Typescript; newspaper clipping
 15 pp
 Lecture titled 'The Father Mathew Union and the Bishop's Commission to the Capuchins' delivered by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC (1857-1939), Provincial Minister, in Sligo in June 1906. With a clipping from the *Irish Catholic*, 16 June 1906, reporting on the lecture.
 Note: Manuscript additions and corrections are made to the text. Some of the pages are badly torn. The clipping is similarly torn.
- CA/MR/1/4/3** **Minutes of Meetings re Mission Ceremonials and Sermons**
 28 Feb. 1911-1 March 1911
 Item
 Manuscript
 7 pp
 Minutes of a meeting of Irish Capuchin Missionary friars appointed to conduct the temperance crusade. The minutes refer to the correct ceremonials, forms of sermons and procedures in relation to the taking of the total abstinence pledge, and the formation of total abstinence sodalities at missions conducted by the friars.
 Note: See also **CA/MR/1/5/8**.

1.5. Fliers and Printed Material related to the Temperance Mission

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: c.1900-1954

Format: Printed; manuscript; typescript; newspaper clipping

Extent: 7 files and 2 items

- CA/MR/1/5/1** **Temperance Fliers, Pastoral Letters and Mission Cards**
 c.1900-1954
 File
 Printed
 56 items
 The file includes various fliers, pastoral letters, mission cards and ephemera relating primarily to various temperance associations, and missions and retreats including the Father Mathew Temperance Sodality and the Young Irish Crusaders attached to the Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin. The file includes:
- Pastoral letters on temperance composed by various Irish Bishops in 1900 including Patrick Joseph O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, Robert Browne, Bishop of Cloyne, Richard Alphonsus Sheehan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and John Keys O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry.
 - *Souvenir of the National Temperance Crusade preached by the Franciscan Capuchin Fathers (c.1906).*
 - *Midwinter greeting to the Priests' Total Abstinence League of America (31 Jan. 1908).*
 - *Flier for Grand Abstinence Demonstration, Armagh (27 June 1909).*

- *Flier for St. Michael's Temperance Society, Lower Cecil Street, Limerick (1909).*
- Circular from the Most Rev. Thomas O'Dea (1858-1923), Bishop of Galway, to the clergy of the diocese re the Capuchin Temperance Mission. 8 Aug. 1909.
- *Indulgences granted to temperance sodalities established by the Franciscan Capuchin Fathers.*
- *Souvenir of retreat for the Children of Mary attached to the Convent of St. Camillus, St. Patrick's Kilkenny (8 Dec. 1915).*
- *The Catholic Bishops on Intemperance.*
- *Souvenir of the Temperance Crusade held at Kilmacow, County Kilkenny / 6th to 13th July 1913.*
- *Father Mathew Temperance Association in honour of the Sacred Thirst / Object, Means and Constitution of the Association (Nov. 1913).*
- *Souvenir of the General Mission for Men and Women held in St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin (25 Jan. 1914).*
- *Enrolment card for the National Catholic Total Abstinence Congress, Dublin (June 1914).* The card also gives details of the proceedings of the congress which closed with an address by Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC, Provincial Minister.
- *Ceremonial and instructions for Capuchin Fathers conducting Missions and Retreats. (24 Jan. 1912).*
- *Flier for Devotions at St. Augustine's Church Galway on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel (26 April 1915).*
- *Annual retreat of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis (6 Oct. 1918).*
- *A week-long mission at the Church of Our Immaculate Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, Dublin.*
- *Temperance Rallying Songs* published The Father Mathew Record Office, Church Street, Dublin. Words by Brian O'Higgins and music by Arthur Darley.
- *Rules of St. Patrick Total Abstinence Society, Dundalk (May 1909).*
- *The Amethyst / a temperance lecture* by Fr. Matthew Russell SJ. A manuscript note on the final page reads: 'Recited in the Father Mathew OSFC Centenary Memorial Hall, Church Street, May 21st, 1894 by the Rev. Author before it was printed. Fr. Columbus Maher'.
- *The Anti-Saloon League and its work / what position should our Catholic Total Abstinence Societies assume towards it?* Speech given by John. T. Shea. Published by the CTU of America, Massachusetts. Aug. 1908.
- *Flier for a Lenten mission given by Capuchin Fathers from Cork at the Corpus Christi Votive Basilica, (Corpus Christi Priory), Manchester. Feb. 1921.*
- *The Father Mathew Man*, no. 19 (Nov. 1924). Published in Chicago.
- *A Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Church of Saint Simon Stock / 182nd Street, Bronx, New York / Saturday, July 10th to Sunday, July 18th 1926.* The sermons were given by Fr. Thomas Dowling OFM Cap.
- *A remembrance of the mission preached by the Capuchin Fathers in the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin. 2-30 Mar. 1941.*

- *Young Irish Crusaders Prayer Book* (St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin, 1954).

- CA/MR/1/5/2 Trade and Workingmen's Temperance Associations**
1905-1907
File
Printed; manuscript; typescript; newspaper clipping
25 items
File relating to temperance meetings and demonstrations organised by various trade and workingmen's associations in Dublin. Includes [handbills](#), fliers for meetings held in Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin, and letters to Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC from the Operative Plasters' Society, the Painters' Trade Union and the Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society. With a complete copy of *The Drapers' Assistant, the Official Journal of the Irish Drapers' Assistants' Benefit and Protective Association*, IV, no. 2 (May 1906).
- CA/MR/1/5/3 Address on Temperance by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC**
10 Dec. 1905
File
Printed
4 copies; 8 pp
Address on temperance delivered by Fr. Paul Neary OSFC (1857-1939) in Dublin on 10 Dec. 1905. The address was published as an *Irish Supplement to the Bulletin* in January 1906.
- CA/MR/1/5/4 Suggestions re Temperance Missions**
January 1906
File
Printed
3 copies; 1 p
A flier titled 'A few Suggestions for Temperance Work approved provisionally by the Standing Committee of Bishops in January 1906'. The flier refers to the temperance crusade and mission work undertaken by the Capuchin friars in various dioceses around the country.
- CA/MR/1/5/5 'The Drink Question'**
c.1910
Item
Printed
1 p
A flier titled 'The Drink Question' carrying quotes from the press and various public figures in support of temperance in Ireland, Britain, Germany and elsewhere.
- CA/MR/1/5/6 Pledge Cards and Certificates**
c.1910-1960
File
Printed
55 items

Blank pledge cards, affiliation diplomas and (decorative) membership certificates associated with the Father Mathew Temperance Association, Church Street, Dublin.

- CA/MR/1/5/7** **Rules of the Total Abstinence Association**
 c.1910
 Item
 Typescript
 French
 7 pp
Règlement de L'Association de L'Abstinence Totale. A French translation of the Rule of the Total Abstinence Association. The text is taken from a printed source and has manuscript annotations.
- CA/MR/1/5/8** **Ceremonials re Missions and Retreats**
 24 Jan. 1912
 File
 Printed
 120 copies; 4 pp
 A ceremonial produced by the Irish Capuchin friars for missions and retreats associated with the temperance crusade. The ceremonial includes instructions regarding sermons, the registering of pledge-takers, the distribution of total abstinence badges and certificates, and the organisation of temperance sodalities at missions.
 Note: See also **CA/MR/1/4/3**.
- CA/MR/1/5/9** **Franciscan Capuchin Mission Manual**
 c.1915
 File
 Printed
 2 copies; 92 pp
 The Franciscan Capuchin Mission Manual published at St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin. The manual contains hymns, information on mission ceremonials, notes on the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association, and the form of the pledge to be taken at missions given by the Capuchin friars.

1.6. Newspaper Clippings

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1889-1948

Format: Bound volume; newspaper clipping; typescript

Extent: 6 files and 1 item

- CA/MR/1/6/1** **Temperance Missions**
OS
 1889-1918
 File
 Bound volume; newspaper clipping; typescript
 30.5 cm x 24.5 cm
 69 pp
 Newspaper clippings assembled by Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC relating primarily to temperance missions given by the Irish Capuchin friars. A manuscript index

compiled by Fr. Angelus is inserted into the front of the volume giving the title of the newspaper, the event referred to in the article, and the date. Other clippings refer to anniversary commemorations of Fr. Theobald Mathew OSFC, lectures, sermons and retreats given by Fr. Angelus and other friars (some refer to the death of Michael Davitt and commemorations of the Manchester Martyrs), ordinations, the Croagh Patrick pilgrimage, the mission to Ireland of the [Most Rev. Ignatius Perisco OSFC](#) (1823-1896), the jubilee of Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin, and items of topographical and local history interest.

CA/MR/1/6/2

Reports on Temperance Missions and Meetings

c.1898-1948

File

Newspaper clipping

48 items

File of clippings relating to temperance demonstrations, parades and meetings in Dublin, Cork, Wexford, Drogheda, Galway and elsewhere (particularly involving workingmen's' associations and trade unions). Some of the articles also refer to the sermons preached by various Capuchin friars and to societal problems associated with intemperance. The file includes the following cuttings:

- Report on a meeting of the Sodality of the Sacred Thirst, St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin (*Irish Catholic*, 30 May 1899).
- Report on a large demonstration of trade associations in Cork in support of temperance (*Cork Examiner*, 15 Oct. 1906).
- Report on a meeting of the Workmen's Temperance Committee, Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin (*The Anglo-Celt*, 3 November 1906).
- Opening of Aonach na Bealtaine in Father Mathew Hall, Church Street, Dublin, in 1907.
- *The Peasant and Irish Ireland* (14 Sept. 1907).
- Report of a lecture by Fr. Lawrence Dowling OSFC during a temperance mission in Father Mathew Hall, Queen Street, Cork. (*Cork Examiner*, 21 Oct. 1912).
- 'Public opinion and the housing problem'. A report of a talk on this subject by Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. (*The Catholic Times*, 24 Oct. 1913).
- *The Alliance News and Temperance Reformer / the Organ of the United Kingdom Alliance* (30 Oct. 1913).
- Reports of meetings of the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Association.

Note: Some of the clippings are in an extremely poor condition. Very careful manual handling is required.

CA/MR/1/6/3

Report on Temperance Mission in Dublin

20 July 1898

Item

Newspaper

Italian

4 pp

A complete copy of *La Voce / Della Verità*, 20 July 1898. The newspaper contains an article on the work of the Total Abstinence Association in Dublin and refers to Fr. Nicholas Murphy OSFC (d. 1 Nov. 1923). A manuscript annotation on the first page reads: 'Very Rev. Nicholas, Definitor OSFC, Capuchin Friary, Our Lady of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin (Ireland)'.

- CA/MR/1/6/4** **Reports on the Temperance Mission and Meetings**
1905-1940
File
Newspaper clippings
15 items
Clippings from the *Irish Catholic*, the *Anglo-Celt*, the *Freeman's Journal*, *Evening Telegraph* mainly relating to the progress of the Capuchin temperance mission. The file includes reports on the work of the Father Mathew Union, notes on temperance meetings, and lectures and sermons by Fr. Aloysius Travers OFM Cap. and other friars in Father Mathew Hall, Dublin, and in Counties Cavan, Cork and Donegal, and in other locations.
- CA/MR/1/6/5** **Temperance Missions in County Mayo**
1906-1907
File
Newspaper clipping
5 items
Clippings from the *Westport News*, *Irish Catholic*, *Mayo News*, reporting on temperance missions given by the Capuchin friars in Claremorris, Westport, Ballinrobe, Achill (County Mayo) and in other locations in the West of Ireland. With cover.
- CA/MR/1/6/6** **Temperance Demonstrations in Dublin**
OS Oct. 1906
File
Bound volume; newspaper clipping; manuscript
39 cm x 27 cm
8 pp
Bound volume containing newspaper clippings covering a large temperance demonstration and parade in Dublin in October 1906. The file includes clippings from *Sinn Féin*, *The Leader*, and the *Freeman's Journal*. Some of the articles include illustrations of the parade route and participants. Article titles include 'Labour and Temperance', 'Temperance Day in Dublin / Magnificent Demonstration', and 'The Father Mathew Anniversary'. A manuscript insert reciting 'Father Mathew's Song' is included in the volume.
- CA/MR/1/6/7** **League of Young Irish Crusaders in Dublin**
18 March 1912-26 June 1912
File
Newspaper
2 items
Clippings referring to a procession and retreat (given by Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC) to the League of Young Irish Crusaders attached to St. Mary of the Angels, Church Street, Dublin.

2. General Mission and Retreats

Level: Series

Dates of Creation:

Scope and Content: The series includes records relating to general missions, retreats and tridua given by the Capuchin friars to parishes, lay confraternities, sodalities and associations, working men's clubs, and (particularly) religious congregations and societies. The series contains administrative records including mission lists, schedules and reports. A large assemblage of correspondence is also extant.

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript; colour photographic print

Extent: 37 files and 9 items

2.1. Mission Lists

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1895-1977

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript; colour photographic print

Extent: 20 files and 1 item

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| CA/MR/2/1/1 | <p>List of Retreats and Missions
 Dec. 1895
 Item
 Manuscript
 1 p
 A list of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars of Holy Trinity Friary, Charlotte Quay, Cork, in 1895. Many of the retreats were given by Fr. Bernard Jennings OSFC, Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC and Fr. Pascal Meade OSFC.</p> |
| CA/MR/2/1/2 | <p>Mission and Retreat Lists
 1904-1908
 File
 Manuscript; typescript
 28 items
 Lists of retreats, missions and 'special sermons' given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Retreats and Special Sermons preached by Fathers of the Dublin Community / 1901-1904'. • 'Tridua, Retreats and missions since October 1905'. • 'Record of Missions and Retreats given by the Fathers of the Rochestown Community since the Provincial Chapter, 1907'. • A record of missions given by friars in the Kilkenny Friary. • List of missions in the Westport Deanery (County Mayo) from 22-9 Sept. 1907. • Renewal of temperance crusade in Belfast. 6-13 Oct. 1907. • A list of friars on the Belfast Mission from 5-25 Oct. 1908. • List of temperance missions given by the Capuchin friars from Feb.-July 1908. • List of triduum missions given in the diocese of Raphoe, June 1908. |

CA/MR/2/1/3
OS

Record book of Missions and Retreats

1904-1909; 1948-1957

File

Bound volume; manuscript

39.5 cm x 25.5 cm

15 pp

List of missions and retreats given by the Capuchin friars of Holy Trinity Church, Cork. Gilt title to front cover of the volume reads: 'Record of Missions / Capuchin Friary / Cork'. The information is given under the headings of place, diocese, name of conducting priest and remarks. From 1927-48, a single entry referring to missions and retreats conducted by Fr. Joseph Fenelon OFM Cap. (1875-1963) and other friars in the United States and in Canada is made.

Periodic reference is made to the success of a mission such as the enrolment of 1,710 individuals into the Father Mathew Temperance Association attached to the Church Street Friary, Dublin, in April 1909.

Conservation note: The volume is in very poor condition. The spine binding has completely disintegrated, and numerous pages are detached. The front cover is also detached, and the end cover is missing. Very careful manual handling of the volume is required.

CA/MR/2/1/4
OS

Record book of Missions and Retreats

Oct. 1904-Dec. 1948

File

Bound volume

Bound volume; manuscript

39.5 cm x 25.5 cm

115 pp

List of missions and retreats given by the Capuchin friars of Church Street, Dublin, from Oct. 1904 to July 1913, and by friars of the entire Irish Province from Aug. 1913 to Dec. 1948. Gilt title to the front cover of the volume reads: 'Record of Missions / Capuchin Friary / Dublin'. The information is given under the headings of place, diocese, name of conducting priest and remarks.

Several typescript inserts referring to individual retreats or lists of missions in particular years are present in the volume. Occasional reference is made to the success of a mission such as the enrolment of individuals in the Third Order of St. Francis, or to the establishment of local temperance association.

Conservation note: The volume is in very poor condition. The spine binding has completely disintegrated, and numerous pages are detached. The front cover is also detached from the text block. Very careful manual handling of the volume is required.

CA/MR/2/1/5
OS

Mission and Retreat Account Book

Oct. 1907-Aug. 1916

File

Bound volume; manuscript

24 cm x 20 cm

44 pp

Account book for missions and retreats conducted by the Irish Capuchin friars. Information is given in respect of the date, location, and duration of the mission, and the names of the Capuchin missionaries involved. Occasional reference is made to the type of mission and retreat given such as

'temperance renewal' or 'triduum'. The cash received and the expenses incurred are also noted. Entries refer to the transfer of cash to a ledger. Note: It appears that several pages were deliberately cut from the front of the volume.

CA/MR/2/1/6

Mission and Retreat Lists

1909

File

Manuscript; typescript

28 items

Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date.

Several lists are extant in the file. These include:

- List of temperance missions given by the Capuchin friars in the dioceses of Tuam, Raphoe, Clonfert and Elphin in 1909.
- List of retreats given by the Capuchin friars from Feb.-Aug. 1909.

CA/MR/2/1/7

Mission and Retreat Lists

1910

File

Typescript

4 items

Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. The file includes:

- List of missions in the diocese of Raphoe from May-July 1910.
- List of temperance missions given by the Capuchin friars from Feb.-Mar. 1910.

CA/MR/2/1/8

Mission and Retreat Lists

1913

File

Manuscript; typescript

4 items

Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. The file includes the general Capuchin mission list from Jan.-Dec. 1913.

CA/MR/2/1/9

Mission and Retreat Lists

1914-1915

File

Manuscript; typescript

25 items

Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date.

Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes:

- List of sermons given at missions in Ballinalsoe, County Galway. Oct. 1914.
- General Capuchin mission list from Jan.-Dec. 1914.
- General Capuchin mission and retreat list (with addendums) from Jan.-Dec. 1915.

- CA/MR/2/1/10** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1916-1919
File
Typescript
18 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1916-9.
- CA/MR/2/1/11** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1920-1926
File
Manuscript; typescript
23 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1920-6.
- CA/MR/2/1/12** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1927-1929
File
Typescript
24 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1927-9.
- CA/MR/2/1/13** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1930-1933
File
Typescript
27 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1930-3.

- CA/MR/2/1/14** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1934-1937
File
Typescript
21 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1934-7.
- CA/MR/2/1/15** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1938-1941
File
Typescript
29 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1938-41.
- CA/MR/2/1/16** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1942-1944
File
Typescript
28 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1942-4.
- CA/MR/2/1/17** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1945-1947
File
Typescript
10 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1945-7.
- CA/MR/2/1/18** **Mission and Retreat Lists**
1948-1958
File
Typescript
44 items
Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat,

the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1948-58.

CA/MR/2/1/19

OS

Record book of Missions and Retreats

1949-1967

File

Bound volume; manuscript; typescript; colour photographic print

39.5 cm x 25.5 cm

47 pp

List of missions and retreats given by the Irish Capuchin friars. Gilt title to front cover of the volume reads: 'Record of Missions / Capuchin Friary'. The information is given under the headings of place, diocese, name of conducting priest and remarks (usually the name of the group, sodality (Third Order of St. Francis), confraternity, or congregation to whom the mission or retreat was given). A clipping of an article titled 'Hints to Preachers' from *The Tablet* (10 Dec. 1960) is inserted into the front of the volume. A colour print of a group of religious from the [Scarboro Foreign Mission Society](#) is also pasted into the front of the volume.

CA/MR/2/1/20

Mission and Retreat Lists

1961-1967

File

Typescript

54 items

Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1961-7.

CA/MR/2/1/21

Mission and Retreat Lists

1968-1977

File

Typescript; photostat copy

48 items

Lists of retreats and missions given by the Capuchin friars. The lists provide information in respect of the names of the friars giving the mission or retreat, the location (with occasional reference to the parish priest), and the date. Several lists are extant in the file. The file includes general mission lists from 1968-77.

2.2. Mission and Retreat Schedules

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1898-1908

Scope and Content: The sub-series contains large-format schedules for missions and retreats given by the Capuchin friars.

Format: Manuscript

Extent: 5 items

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| <p>CA/MR/2/2/1
OS</p> | <p>Temperance Mission Schedule
1898
Item
Manuscript
1 p
List of temperance missions given by the Capuchin friars listed under the location and date. Occasional reference is made to the priests conducting the mission and to the congregation (including a Children of Mary sodality in Cork).
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| <p>CA/MR/2/2/2
OS</p> | <p>Mission and Retreat Schedule
6 Jan. 1907-21 July 1907
Item
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1 p
Large-format schedule outlining mission and retreats to be given by the Capuchin friars. The entries are listed under the dates of the mission, parish, diocese, the name of parish priest, the friars engaged on the mission, and remarks
Conservation note: The item is tightly rolled. Careful manual handling is required.</p> |
| <p>CA/MR/2/2/3
OS</p> | <p>Mission and Retreat Schedule
6 Jan. 1907-2 June 1907
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Large-format schedule outlining mission and retreats to be given by the Capuchin friars. The entries are listed under the dates of the mission, parish, diocese, the name of parish priest, the friars engaged on the mission, and remarks
Conservation note: The item is tightly rolled. Careful manual handling is required.</p> |
| <p>CA/MR/2/2/4
OS</p> | <p>Mission and Retreat Schedule
26 June 1907-17 Nov. 1907
Item
Manuscript
1 p</p> |

Large-format schedule outlining mission and retreats to be given by the Capuchin friars. The entries are listed under the dates of the mission, parish, diocese, the name of parish priest, the friars engaged on the mission, and remarks

Conservation note: The item is torn into two pieces and is tightly rolled. Careful manual handling is required.

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Mission and Retreat Schedule

3 Feb. 1908-2 June 1908

Item

Manuscript

1 p

Large-format schedule outlining mission and retreats to be given by the Capuchin friars. The entries are listed under the dates of the mission, parish, diocese, the name of parish priest, the friars engaged on the mission, and remarks

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2.3. Mission Reports

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1886-1984

Format: Bound volume; manuscript; typescript

Extent: 1 file and 3 items

CA/MR/2/3/1

Notes re Parish Missions and Retreats

1886-1914

Item

Manuscript

20 pp

Notes re various parish missions and retreats given to lay sodalities and local parishioners. The notes were compiled by Fr. Fidelis Neary OSFC (1855-1932). The notes refer to missions given by Fr. Fidelis and other friars in Counties Cork, Kilkenny, Waterford, Longford, Galway, Dublin and elsewhere. Some of the more detailed descriptions refer to the effects of [Parnellite split](#) and political disputes upon the populace and mission attendees, and to hostilities with local Protestant landed proprietors. The notes include:

- Mullinavat, County Kilkenny. Apr. 1892: 'A most memorable week. Commenced by a "Boycott" by the Parnellists ...'.
- Glenmore, County Kilkenny. June 1893: 'The Parish of Glenmore, like Mullinavat, was badly infested by Parnellism, a "Boycott" was worked up by the "Hog boys" of Ballybricken, Waterford, with Hogs' Band etc. On hearing of the happy results in Mullinavat, the project was abandoned, and a public meeting held after Mass the previous Sunday withdrawing all opposition to the retreat and resolving to attend it. ... Thus end[ed] the Parnell division in South Kilkenny'.
- Castlecomer, County Kilkenny. June 1894: 'One of the most remarkable incidents of the week was the arrival of Father Prendergast, the famous Parnellite priest, from Urlingford ...'.

- Church Street, Dublin, July 1894: 'A retreat for the members of the Sacred Heart Sodality commenced in the above Church on Sunday night, July 22nd and concluded [on] Sunday night, 29th. The above retreat was not a success, but rather a poor business. Couldn't be otherwise owing to majority of members and almost all leading members [had] rabid Parnellite tendencies. They didn't attend and didn't allow others attend. Fr. Francis Hayes OSFC had charge of the Sodality at the time'.
- Douglas, County Cork, July 1894: 'Peculiarities of retreat were many, the most serious, the unnatural hour of morning devotions. ... Some who had to come a distance had to get up at ¼ to 4am. Yet, notwithstanding two sledgehammer appeals, proprietors would not yield or allow one hour in the morning. Alleged excuse – the "Protestants at work would lose ¼ day and could not understand it"'.

CA/MR/2/3/2

Mission in Mount Bellew, County Galway

1894-1895

Item

Typescript

2 pp

Excerpts (probably compiled by Fr. Nessian Shaw OFM Cap.) referring to missions given by various Capuchin friars to tertiaries and sodality groups in the parish of Mount Bellew, County Galway. The extracts appear to have been taken from contemporary editions of the *Franciscan Annals*.

CA/MR/2/3/3

Reports on Retreats and Missions

c.1901-1935

File

Bound volume; manuscript

20 cm x 12.5 cm

185 pp

Notebook containing a list of retreats and missions with references to occasional lectures given by the Capuchin friars. The location of the retreats and missions are listed alphabetically at the beginning of the volume (with dates listed). Occasional reference is made to the type of retreat or to whom the mission is given (the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Total Abstinence Associations, the Children of Mary, and the Third Order of St. Francis). A list of lecture locations (with dates) follows. There follows a more detailed list of retreats arranged by date from 1916-1935. Notes are given on location, to whom the retreat was given, and the lectures and sermons preached.

CA/MR/2/3/4

Handbook for Parish Missions and Retreats

Mar. 1984

Item

Typescript

26 pp

A handbook for parish missions and retreats compiled by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap. for use by Capuchin friars. It is noted that the handbook was 'the fruit of a seminar on preaching organised in April 1983 by Fr. Michael Duffy OFM Cap., Director of Missions and Retreats'. The text has a forward by Fr. Eustace McSweeney OFM Cap., Provincial Minister.

2.4. Mission and Retreat Correspondence

Level: Sub-series

Dates of Creation: 1902-1955

Scope and Content: The sub-series contains a large collection of letters written to the Capuchin friars requesting parish missions, tridua, retreats, public sermons and lectures. The letters are mostly from local clerics and parish priests, religious congregations (both male and female), and lay religious sodalities and temperance associations. Some of the letters provide detail on religious practices and observance. Other letters give information on local temperance activities.

Format: Manuscript; typescript

Extent: 16 files

- CA/MR/2/4/1 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 3 Feb. 1902-6 July 1905
 File
 Manuscript
 25 items
 Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Bernard Jennings OSFC, Fr. Jarlath Hynes OSFC and other Capuchin friars requesting parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Crossmaglen (Armagh), Carrick-on-Suir (Tipperary), Tullow (Carlow), Foxford (Mayo), Kilkenny, Cookstown (Tyrone), Castledermot (Carlow), Waterford, Belfast and Newport (Mayo).
- CA/MR/2/4/2 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 19 Jan. 1906-27 Aug 1906
 File
 Manuscript
 15 items
 Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, and Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, requesting parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Burtonport (Donegal), Dungloe (Donegal), Westport (Mayo), Ballygar (Galway), Achill Island, and Athleague (Roscommon).
- CA/MR/2/4/3 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 6 Sept. 1906-26 Sept. 1906
 File
 Manuscript
 25 items
 Letters to Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, requesting parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Ballygar (Galway), Gurteen (Sligo), Westport (Mayo), Claremorris (Mayo), and Ballymote (Sligo). The file also includes some copy replies from Fr. Paul. The Rev. Jeremiah O'Toole, Parish Priest, Kilmeena, Westport, remarked: 'I have eighteen islands inhabited islands close to the mainland, and I would be pleased if you offered [the temperance] Crusade on a Sunday'. (21 Sept. 1906).
- CA/MR/2/4/4 Letter requesting Missions and Retreats**
 5 Oct. 1906-25 Nov. 1906
 File
 Manuscript

20 items

Letters to Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, requesting parish missions and retreats. The letters are mostly from local clerics. Some of the letters provide information on religious practices and temperance activities in the locality. The file includes letters requesting missions in Louisburgh (Mayo), Clare Island (Mayo), Westport (Mayo), Carrick-on-Suir (Tipperary), Newport (Mayo), Clonmel (Tipperary), Waterford and Cahir (Tipperary). The file also includes some copy replies from Fr. Paul.

CA/MR/2/4/5

Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

15 Jan. 1907-22 Aug. 1907

File

Manuscript

18 items

Letters to Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, requesting parish missions (and retreats). The file includes letters requesting missions in Belfast, Clare Island (Mayo), Gowna (Cavan), Rathkeale (Limerick), Carrick-on-Suir (Tipperary), Scotstown (Monaghan), Longford, Fermoy (Cork), Clonmel (Tipperary) and Youghal (Cork).

CA/MR/2/4/6

Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

25 Sept. 1907-19 Nov. 1907

File

Manuscript

18 items

Letters to Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, Provincial Minister, requesting parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Waterford, Carlingford (Louth), Clonmel (Tipperary), Carrick-on-Shannon (Leitrim), Rathmines (Dublin). The file also includes requests for missions for Irish emigrant communities in Glasgow and Sunderland.

CA/MR/2/4/7

Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

1 Jan. 1908-9 June 1908

File

Manuscript

36 items

Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Paul Neary OSFC, and other Capuchin friars, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Letterkenny (County Donegal), Dungarvan (Waterford), Newry (Down), Kingwilliamstown (Ballydesmond, Cork), Ballymahon (Longford), Frenchpark (Roscommon), Fermoy (Cork), Drumshanbo (Leitrim), and Abbeylara (Longford).

CA/MR/2/4/8

Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

1 July 1908-23 Dec. 1908

File

Manuscript

53 items

Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC, Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OSFC, and other Capuchin friars, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in

Cappawhite (Tipperary), Ashbourne (Meath), Cappoquin (Waterford), Belfast, Dunmore East (Waterford), Kingstown (Dún Laoghaire, Dublin), Thurles (Tipperary), Sligo, Greystones (Wicklow), Scarriff (Clare), and Ballybay (Monaghan).

- CA/MR/2/4/9** **Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 2 Jan. 1909-28 Feb. 1909
 File
 Manuscript
 36 items
 Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC, Fr. Stanislaus Kavanagh OSFC, Fr. Joseph Fenelon OSFC, Fr. Laurence Dowling OSFC and other Capuchin friars, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Quin (Clare), Tuam (Galway), Scarriff (Clare), Belfast, Crossmaglen (Armagh), Scotstown (Monaghan), Schull (Cork), Frenchpark (Roscommon), Bunbeg (Donegal), Wicklow, and Castledermot (Carlow).
- CA/MR/2/4/10** **Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 1 Mar. 1909-31 May 1909
 File
 Manuscript; typescript
 42 items
 Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Sandymount (Dublin), Wicklow, Quin (Clare), Drumshanbo (Leitrim), Armagh, Drogheda (Louth), Letterkenny (Donegal), Coalisland (Tyrone), Charleville (Cork), Cappoquin (Waterford), Ardee (Louth), Cloghan (King's County), Ballyshannon (Donegal) and Limerick. The file also includes a copy of an address titled 'A little farewell to the Capuchin Fathers on ending their retreat in St. Michael's Church, Kingstown [Dún Laoghaire], 14th March 1909'.
- CA/MR/2/4/11** **Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 3 June 1909-3 Dec. 1909
 File
 Manuscript
 70 items
 Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC, and other Capuchin friar, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Letterkenny (Donegal), Avoca (Wicklow), Bere Island (Cork), Dunleer (Louth), Bray (Wicklow), Ashbourne (Meath), Virginia (Cavan), Westport (Mayo), Ennis (Clare), Kilmaine (Mayo), Ahascragh (Galway), Tuam (Galway), Kilrooskey (Roscommon), Loughrea (Galway), Sligo, Rathmines (Dublin), Spiddal (Galway), Carrick-on-Shannon (Leitrim), Frenchpark (Roscommon), Ballinasloe (Galway), Birr (King's County), Clonmel (Tipperary), Gweedore (Donegal), and Omagh (Tyrone).
- CA/MR/2/4/12** **Letters requesting Missions and Retreats**
 7 Jan. 1910-10 Feb. 1910
 File
 Manuscript

18 items

Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Angelus Healy OSFC, and other Capuchin friars, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Loughrea (Galway), Dundalk (Louth), Tralee (Kerry), Kells (Meath), Eyrecourt (Galway), Broadford (Clare), Blackrock (Dublin), and Ballaghaderreen (Roscommon).

CA/MR/2/4/13 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

16 Jan. 1913-25 July 1913

File

Manuscript

17 items

Letters to Fr. Thomas Dowling OSFC, Provincial Minister, regarding requests for parish missions and retreats. The file includes letters requesting missions in Kilrush (Clare), Clogher (Tyrone), Bannow (Wexford), Cloghan (King's County), Aughrim (Wicklow), St. Joseph's Poor Clares Convent (Cavan), Castlereagh (Roscommon), Enniscorthy (Wexford), Kilkee (Clare), and Multyfarnham (Westmeath).

CA/MR/2/4/14 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

17 Jan. 1914-5 Oct. 1919

File

Manuscript

5 items

Letters to Fr. Aloysius Travers OSFC, Provincial Minister, and Fr. Paul Neary OSFC regarding parish missions and retreats. The letters refer to retreats in County Galway, Glenmore (Waterford), Castlebellingham (Louth) and Ballygawley (Tyrone).

CA/MR/2/4/15 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

29 May 1921-15 June 1925

File

Manuscript

65 items

Letters to Fr. Peter Bowe OSFC, Provincial Minister, Fr. Edwin Fitzgibbon OSFC, Fr. Sylvester Mulligan OSFC, Fr. Laurence Dowling OSFC, Fr. Fiacre Brophy OSFC and other Capuchin friars regarding parish missions and retreats. Many of the requests from religious congregations and institutions. The letters refer to retreats in the South Parish (Cork), Eyrecourt (Galway), the Convent of the Poor Clares, Lynton (Devon), Our Lady of Sorrows Capuchin Friary, Peckham (London), Kilrooskey (Roscommon), Crosshaven (Cork), Athy (Kildare), Kinsale (Cork), the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Thurles (Tipperary), the Capuchin Friary, Pantasaph (Wales), Saint Alban's Convent, Pontypool (Wales), Curragh Army Camp (Kildare), Dunfanaghy (Donegal), Dunmore East (Waterford), Bundoran (Donegal), Mooncoin (Kilkenny), Ballyshannon (Donegal), Sisters of Charity Convent (Dublin), Carmelite Convent, Tallaght (Dublin), Catholic Truth Society (Kerry), Loreto Convent, Navan (Meath), St. Joseph's Daughters of the Cross Convent, Donaghmore (Tyrone), and the Little Sisters of the Poor Convent (Waterford).

CA/MR/2/4/16 Letters requesting Missions and Retreats

26 Oct. 1952-24 Feb. 1955

File

Manuscript

2 items

Letters to Fr. Colman Griffin OFM Cap. regarding missions and retreats in the Franciscan Friary in Ennis, County Clare, and at the Franciscan Brothers' Friary at Mountbellew, County Galway.