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Summary Information

Repository	U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library
Creator	University of Dayton. U.S. Catholic Special Collection.
Title	Collection of commemorative holy cards
Date [inclusive]	1854-2009
Extent	0.5 Linear feet (One box)
Location:	U.S. Catholic Special Collections, 302 Roesch Library
Language	Multiple languages
Language of Materials	Materials are in Czech, English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish.
Abstract:	Collection of holy cards created to commemorate ordinations, vow professions, jubilees, memorials, and other events.

Preferred Citation

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History of commemorative holy cards

Holy cards were first produced in Europe in the nineteenth century as a way to mass-produce images of saints and religious themes. Holy cards are often collected by Catholics in order to invoke the protection of the depicted saint. It has become traditional for holy cards to be distributed upon important religious events, often with an inscription on the verso with the date and information about the event. Events frequently commemorated with holy cards include ordinations, jubilees, and sacraments like confirmations and first communions. During the Victorian era, memorial cards became a popular way to commemorate funerals and deaths; they continue to be used by Catholics. Although the artistic style of holy cards has changed--more recent holy cards often have abstract images or scripture verses in place of the traditional portraits of saints--they continue to be used to commemorate religious events.

Scope and Contents

Series 1 contains cards commemorating the ordination or profession of holy vows. The second series contains cards commemorating jubilees of ordinations and professions; these include silver jubilee cards (25th anniversaries), golden jubilees (50th anniversaries), and a few diamond jubilees (60th anniversaries). The third series contains cards that commemorate the installations of bishops, archbishops, cardinals, and popes. The fourth series is the largest, and contains memorial cards printed upon the death of vowed religious and laypeople. The fifth series contains a miscellany of other holy cards, including ones to commemorate first communions, confirmations, and mission events.

Statement of Arrangement

Within each series the commemorative holy cards are arranged in folders by the religious order that the individual belonged to. Within each folder cards are arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library, 2012-09-21

Revision Description

Digital objects added 10/04/2013

Restrictions on Access

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Related Materials

Separated Material

Other commemorative holy cards appear in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati collection (CSC.010) and the Ursuline Sisters of Maine papers (CSC.015).

Search Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Augustinians
- Benedictines
- Christian Brothers
- Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart
- Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

- Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy
- Daughters of Wisdom
- Discalced Carmelite Nuns
- Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dominicans
- Franciscans
- Holy Ghost Fathers
- Jesuits
- Marianists
- Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity
- Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters
- Religious of the Cenacle
- Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (Nazareth, Ky.)
- Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (Houston, Tex.)
- Sisters of Divine Providence
- Sisters of Notre Dame
- Sisters of Saint Joseph
- Sisters of Social Service
- Society of the Divine Word
- Society of the Precious Blood
- Ursulines
- Vincentians

Genre(s)

- Holy cards

Occupation(s)

- Nuns
- Priests

Subject(s)

- Devotional objects--Catholic Church
- Memorialization
- Ordination--Catholic Church
- Profession (in religious orders, congregations, etc.)
- Sacraments--Catholic Church

Digital Collection

Digitized items from this collection can be found at [Digital@U Dayton](#), or by clicking on the hyperlinks in the contents list below.

Collection Inventory

Series 1: [Ordination/Profession cards](#), 1911-2001

Box	Folder	
1	1	Sisters of Saint Joseph (C.S.J.) , 1929-1940
1	2	Marianists (S.M.) , 1929-1996
1	3	Franciscans (O.F.M.), 1942-1945
1	4	Benedictines (O.S.B.) , 1912-1961
1	5	Discalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.), 1958
1	6	Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (O.P.), 1995
1	7	Daughters of Wisdom (D.W.), 1966
1	8	Society of the Divine Word (S.V.D.), 1938
1	9	Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.H.F.), 1955
1	10	Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity (S.T.), 1959-1974
1	11	Society of the Precious Blood (C.PP.S.), 1965
1	12	Sisters with no order listed, 1955
1	13	Priests with no order listed , 1911-1960
1	14	Priests with no order listed, 1962-2001
1	15	Marianist Sisters (F.M.I.), 1932

Series 2: [Jubilee cards](#), 1922-2009

Box	Folder	
1	16	Marianists (S.M.), 1962-2009
1	17	Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters (O.L.V.M.), 1953-1984
1	18	Sisters of Saint Joseph (C.S.J.), 1966
1	19	Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (C.C.V.I.), 1974
1	20	Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (D.C.), 1957
1	21	Augustinians (O.S.A.), 1961
1	22	Religious of the Cenacle (R.C.), 1963
1	23	Ursulines (O.S.U.), 1968
1	24	Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (S.C.N.), 1992
1	25	Congregation of the Cordi-Marian Missionary Sisters (M.C-M.), 1982
1	26	Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, India (F.D.M.), 1999
1	27	Benedictines (O.S.B.), 1954-1955

1	28	Dominicans (O.P.), 1973
1	29	Franciscans (O.F.M.), 1950-1963
1	30	Sisters with no order listed , 1924-1999
1	31	Bishops and popes, 1966-2003
1	32	Priests with no order listed, 1922-1996
1	33	Society of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.), 1985
1	34	Alexian Brothers (C.F.A.) , 1922

Series 3: Installation cards, 1978-2005

Box	Folder	
1	35	Bishops, cardinals, and popes, 1978-2005

Series 4: [Memorial cards](#), 1854-2006

Box	Folder	
1	36	Popes, 1963-2005
1	37	Cardinals and bishops, 1946-1996
1	38	Marianists (S.M.), 1956-2006
1	39	Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters (O.L.V.M.), 1962-1990
1	40	Society of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.), 1982
1	41	Sisters of Divine Providence (C.D.P.), 1982
1	42	Discalced Carmelite Nuns (O.C.D.), 1962
1	43	Sisters of Notre Dame (S.N.D.), 1978
1	44	Holy Ghost Fathers (C.S.Sp.) , 1927
1	45	Jesuits (S.J.) , 1934-1975
1	46	Vincentians (C.M.), 1943
1	47	Sisters with no order listed, 1983-1995
1	48	Priests with no order listed , 1881-1999
1	49	Laypeople , 1854-1962
1	50	Laypeople, 1963-2005
1	51	Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart (S.C.J.), 2001
1	52	Christian Brothers (F.S.C.), 1982
1	53	Dominicans (O.P.), 1955
1	54	Sisters of Social Service (S.S.S.), 1974

Series 5: [Cards commemorating other events](#), 1920-2007

Box	Folder	
1	55	First Communions , 1925-1975
1	56	Confirmations, 1920-1979
1	57	Missions, anniversaries, and other events , 1928-2007