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# **Guide to the Christophers ephemera collection, 1960-2010 CSC.012**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library
<b>Creator</b>	Christophers (Organization)
<b>Title</b>	The Christophers ephemera collection
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1960-2010
<b>Extent</b>	0.25 Linear feet (1 box)
<b>Location:</b>	U.S. Catholic Special Collections, 302 Roesch Library
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Pamphlets and prayer cards published by the Christophers, including issues from the Christopher News Notes series.

### Preferred Citation

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## History of the Christophers

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The Christophers were founded in 1945 by Father James Keller, M.M. The group's mission is "to put hope into action," and advocates that every person has a "God-given mission" to make a positive difference in the world. Although founded by a Maryknoll priest, the group is not limited to Catholics and argues for religious tolerance. The name "The Christophers" comes from the Greek word "christophoros," meaning "Christ-bearer."

The Christophers are most widely known for their series of Christopher News Notes pamphlets, published on a variety of spiritual and social topics. They also produce a weekly radio show and podcast, offer leadership courses, and honor books and visual media with the annual Christopher Awards.

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## Scope and Contents

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The first series contains prayer cards printed and distributed by the Christophers. The rest of the collection is made up of pamphlets from the Christopher News Notes series. It is not a complete set of the pamphlets.

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## Statement of Arrangement

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Issues of *Christopher News Notes* are arranged chronologically by their publication date.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library, 2011

### Revision Description

Additional materials added to the collection August 2012

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### **Accruals**

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## **Search Terms**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Christophers (Organization)

### **Genre(s)**

- Pamphlets

### **Subject(s)**

- Catholic Church--Prayers and devotions

## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Prayer cards, n.d.

Box	Folder	
1	1	Prayer cards, n.d.

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### Series 2: *Christopher News Notes*, 1960-2010

Box	Folder	
1	2	<i>Christopher News Notes</i> , #100-#206, 1960-1974 #100, "How to Be a Leader! 15 Tips", ca. 1960 #127, "The Hope of the Natural Law", 1963 #150, "How to Strengthen Any Organization", 1966 #153, "Show That You Care", 1966 #159, "To Help You Solve Problems", 1967 #169, "Youth Problems", 1968 #183, "A Christopher Guide to Children's Paperback Books", 1970 #194, "Why Not Be a Volunteer?", 1972 #195, "Twelve Prayers for Today", 1972 #206, "Let's Talk About Death", n.d.

Box	Folder	
1	3	<i>Christopher News Notes</i> , #207-#254, 1974-1981 #207, "To Everyone a Chance", n.d. #217, "1776, 1976: The Past, the Present, the Promise", 1976 #219, "Living With Stress", 1976 #223, "Aging Together", 1976 #229, "You're Really Something", n.d. #237, "Prayer", 1978 #238, "Person to Person: Communication in the Family", n.d. #242, "Forgiveness", 1979 #244, "The Challenge of Loving", n.d. #254, "The Essence of Leadership", 1981

Box	Folder	
1	4	<i>Christopher News Notes</i> , #256-#275, 1981-1984 #256, "What's Wrong With Pornography", 1981

		#257, "The Poor Among Us", 1981
		#258, "And on Earth, Peace", 1981
		#262, "What's a Father to Do", 1982
		#264, "Age is Opportunity", n.d.
		#268, "What's a Mother to Do", 1983
		#269, "Human Sexuality", 1983
		#271, "Ten Tips for Strengthening Your Organization", 1983
		#272, "Wonderful Marvelous You", 1983
		#275, "Parenting Alone", 1984
Box	Folder	
1	5	<i>Christopher News Notes</i> , #276-#290, 1984-1986
		#276, "Guilt...And What to Do About It", 1984
		#277, "Making Democracy Work", 1984
		#279, "Confidence in Prayer", 1984
		#282, "Ways to Say 'I Love You': Charity at Home", 1985
		#283, "Life: There's Nothing Like It", 1985
		#284, "Be of Good Cheer", 1985
		#285, "Conflict", 1985
		#286, "To Pray as Jesus Did", 1985
		#289, "Dealing With Grief", 1986
		#290, "I Was a Stranger", 1986
Box	Folder	
1	6	<i>Christopher News Notes</i> , #291-#332, 1986-1991
		#291, "Breaking the Procrastination Habit", 1986
		#300, "Let's Talk About Prayer", 1987
		#304, "You Can Make a Difference", 1988
		#318, "Faithful Forever: Making a Success of Marriage", 1989
		#319, "Fruits of Hope", 1989
		#321, "Gratitude", 1990
		#324, "Whatsoever You Do...", 1990
		#329, "We Hold These Truths...", 1990
		#331, "The Christopher Message", 1991
		#332, "Age", 1991
Box	Folder	
1	7	<i>Christopher News Notes</i> , #341-#434, 1992-2001
		#341, "To Save a Life", 1992
		#347, "The Power of Forgiveness", n.d.
		#359, "Saints: Past, Present, Future", 1993



#363, "Live Joyfully", n.d.  
 #387, "A Matter of Conscience", n.d.  
 #395, "A Lifetime Together", 1997  
 #400, "Perfectly Human", 1997  
 #406, "When Someone You Love Dies", n.d.  
 #420, "2000: Changing Times, Changing Lives", 1999  
 #434, "Taking Care of God's Good Earth", n.d.

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*Christopher News Notes*, #478-#505, 2005-2008  
 #478, "Keep Hope in Your Heart", 2005  
 #490, "That's the Spirit: the Power of Prayer", n.d.  
 #491, "The Best Is Yet to Be: Growing Older With Grace", n.d.  
 #493, "Shattered Love: Picking Up the Pieces After Domestic Violence", n.d.  
 #494, "Road Rage", n.d.  
 #495, "How to Live With Cancer", n.d.  
 #496, "Your Good Example Makes a Difference", n.d.  
 #499, "Open Hearts, Helping Hands: Seeing the Poor Among Us", n.d.  
 #500, "All God's Children: Respecting the Religious Beliefs of Others", n.d.  
 #505, "Dealing with Addiction", n.d.

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*Christopher News Notes*, #507-#528, 2008-2010  
 #507, "Living with Grief and Loss", 2008  
 #510, "Bring Out the Best in Others", n.d.  
 #512, "A Word About Words", n.d.  
 #513, "Hope for the Homebound and Those Who Care for Them", n.d.  
 #517, "Count to Ten: How to Cope with Anger", n.d.  
 #519, "At the Heart of Prayer", n.d.  
 #521, "Abortion: Stand Up for Life!", n.d.  
 #522, "Stories of Hope", n.d.  
 #528, "What's Your Purpose", n.d.