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Summary Information

Repository	U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library
Creator	New Subiaco Abbey (Subiaco, Ark.)
Title	New Subiaco Abbey postcard and prayer card collection
Date [inclusive]	1920-1970
Extent	0.05 Linear feet (5 folders in Small Collections box 3)
Location:	U.S. Catholic Special Collections, 302 Roesch Library
Language	Multiple languages
Language of Materials	Materials are in English and Latin.
Abstract:	Collection of postcards depicting New Subiaco Abbey and one prayer card published by the Abbey.

Preferred Citation

[Item title], New Subiaco Abbey postcard and prayer card collection, 1920-1970. U.S. Catholic Special Collections, University of Dayton Libraries, Dayton, Ohio.

History of New Subiaco Abbey

Subiaco Abbey, a community of Benedictine monks, is located in Subiaco, Arkansas. It was founded in 1878 as St. Benedict's Priory by a group of Benedictine monks from St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana. The name was changed to New Subiaco Abbey in 1891. The Abbey is also the site of a Subiaco Academy, an all-male preparatory school. The Abbey was known as "New Subiaco Abbey" to distinguish it from Subiaco Abbey in Italy up through the 1970s, when the "New" fell into disuse.

Scope and Contents

This collection is composed primarily of postcards picturing scenes in and around Subiaco Abbey. The first folder contains a postcard booklet containing nine postcards, with evidence that a tenth postcard was removed, published by Hermann Post Card Company of Chicago, Illinois around 1920. The folder also contains a single loose postcard from the same publisher. The second folder contains a real photo postcard published by EKC, and an undated postcard from an unknown publisher. The third folder contains postcards published by Artvue Post Card Co. of New York City, printed around 1960. The fourth folder contains postcards by "Doc" Miller, Inc. of Fort Smith, Arkansas, circa 1970. The last folder contains a prayer card from the New Subiaco Abbey, printed with Latin prayers on both sides.

Statement of Arrangement

Although all are undated, the postcards are arranged in approximate chronological order.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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

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Related Materials

Related Material

The U.S. Catholic Collection also holds several other works published by the Abbey. These can be found by searching the library catalog for the subject heading "New Subiaco Abbey (Subiaco, Ark.)".

Search Terms

Genre(s)

- Devotional literature
- Postcards
- Real photo postcards

Subject(s)

- Benedictine monasteries--United States
- Catholic Church--Prayers and devotions
- New Subiaco Abbey (Subiaco, Ark.)

Collection Inventory

Folder

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|---|---|
| 1 | Harmann Postcard booklet and loose postcard, ca. 1920 |
| 2 | EKC and unknown postcards, ca. 1940 |
| 3 | Artvue postcards, ca. 1960 |
| 4 | Doc Miller Inc. postcards, ca. 1970 |
| 5 | Prayer card, ca. 1950 |