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# **Guide to the St. Meinrad Archabbey materials, 1940-2010 CSC.025**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	U.S. Catholic Special Collection, Roesch Library
<b>Creator</b>	St. Meinrad Archabbey
<b>Title</b>	St. Meinrad Archabbey materials
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1940-2010
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Location:</b>	U.S. Catholic Special Collections, 302 Roesch Library
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Collection of brochures, prayer cards, promotional materials, pamphlets, and other papers created by St. Meinrad Archabbey, including its child companies Abbey Press and Abbey Caskets.

### Preferred Citation

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## History of St. Meinrad Archabbey

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St. Meinrad Archabbey was founded in southern Indiana in 1854 by Benedictine monks from Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland, responding to requests from a local priest for additional support ministering to the local German Catholic immigrant population. Soon after, the Benedictines opened a school, where they taught local boys and trained new priests. Abbey Press was founded in 1867, and published *The Grail*, a popular Catholic magazine, from 1919 to 1958.

Today, the Seminary and School of Theology at St. Meinrad Archabbey offers graduate degrees in theology to both seminarians and laypeople. St. Meinrad's continues to operate Abbey Press, a printing house of religious images, books, and other printed items. In 1999, Abbey Caskets was founded; this business venture sells handcrafted caskets to raise money for the School of Theology.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains various printed ephemera originating from Saint Meinrad Archabbey. The first series consists of items produced by all divisions of the Archabbey outside of Abbey Press. Folder 1 contains prayer cards distributed by *The Grail*, dating from around 1940. Folder 2 contains undated postcards depicting St. Meinrad Archabbey. The third folder contains promotional materials from Abbey Caskets. Folder 4 contains brochures promoting the Seminary and School of Theology. The fifth folder contains employee materials, and the sixth folder contains mailings sent out by the alumni and development offices. Folder 7 contains information about the retreat house at St. Meinrad's. The last folder in this series contains other materials relating to St. Meinrad's that did not fit into the previous categories. The second series consists of publications of Abbey Press. Folder 8 contains miscellaneous items printed by Abbey Press. These are mostly holy cards, but also include greeting cards, pamphlets, and newsletters. Two of the holy cards in the Abbey Press folder have handwritten inscriptions on the verso. The next eighteen folders contain issues of *CareNotes*, a pamphlet published by One Caring Place, a division of Abbey Press. These pamphlets are published on a variety of topics dealing with grief, loss, illness, and suffering. Following are folders containing issues of CaringMentors, CareNotes for Kids, Talking With Your Kids, CareNotes for Teens, and PrayerNotes.

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## Statement of Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in two series: Series 2 contains publications by Abbey Press, and Series 1 contains publications by other offices of St. Meinrad Archabbey. Items in the latter series have been arranged by the originating office. Within each folder, items have been arranged chronologically. The issues of *CareNotes* and other pamphlets in Series 2 have been arranged by the year of publication; within each year, pamphlets are arranged alphabetically.

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## Administrative Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Material

This collection is just a sampling of printed ephemera from Saint Meinrad Archabbey, and is not an exhaustive collection of their papers. The Archabbey houses its own archives, which can be contacted at [archives@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:archives@saintmeinrad.edu).

Numerous books printed by Abbey Press can be found in the library collection by searching the catalog. Some issues of *The Grail* are available in the U.S. Catholic Periodicals, though the library does not possess a full run of this serial.

Other items in the library collection of note include: *Souvenir St. Meinrad's Abbey* [a collection of postcards depicting St. Meinrad's pasted into a souvenir booklet], U.S. Catholic Collection, BX2525.S25 S69 1916. *Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology Report of Stewardship* [2000, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2008], U.S. Catholic Collection. See online catalog.

## Separated Material

The Commemorative Holy Cards Collection (CSC.9) contains holy cards printed by Abbey Press, a division of St. Meinrad Archabbey.

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## Search Terms

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Abbey Caskets. -- Archives
- Abbey Press (Saint Meinrad, Ind.) -- Archives
- St. Meinrad Archabbey -- Archives

### Genre(s)

- Brochures
- Catholic pamphlets
- Devotional images
- Holy cards
- Pamphlets
- Postcards

### Subject(s)

- Benedictines--Indiana
- Coffins
- Spiritual retreat centers

## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: St. Meinrad Archabbey, ca. 1940-2010

Box	Folder	
1	1	The Grail, ca. 1940
1	2	Photographic postcards, n.d.
1	3	Abbey Caskets, 2001, n.d.
1	4	Brochures, 2000-2009, n.d.
1	5	Saint Meinrad employee materials, 2001-2002, n.d.
1	6	Alumni and Development materials, 2002-2009, n.d.
1	7	Retreat materials, 2006-2010
1	7a	Other materials, 2001-2007, n.d.
1	7b	Prayer cards, 1940, n.d.

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### Series 2: Abbey Press publications, 1965-2008

Box	Folder	
1	8	Abbey Press prayer cards, 1965-2008
1	9	CareNotes, 1988
1	10	CareNotes, 1989
1	11	CareNotes, 1990
1	12	CareNotes, 1991
1	13	CareNotes, 1992
1	14	CareNotes, 1993
1	15	CareNotes, 1994
1	16	CareNotes, 1995
2	1	CareNotes, 1996
2	2	CareNotes, 1997
2	3	CareNotes, 1998
2	4	CareNotes, 1999
2	5	CareNotes, 2000-2001
2	6	CareNotes, 2002
2	7	CareNotes, 2003
2	8	CareNotes, 2004
2	9	CareNotes, 2005



2	10	CareNotes, 2006
2	11	CaringMentors, 2008
2	12	CareNotes for Kids, 2002
2	13	Talking With Your Kids series, 1997-1998
2	14	CareNotes for Teens, 1993-1999
2	15	PrayerNotes, 1991-2004