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Summary Information

Repository          The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute

Creator - Teacher  Jelly, Fredrick M.

Title              Madonna: Mary in the Catholic Tradition course materials

Date [bulk]         Bulk, 1991


Extent             0.5 Linear feet (1 document case)

Language           English

Abstract            This collection contains course materials for Madonna: Mary in the Catholic Tradition, a course taught by Fr. Frederick M. Jelly, O.P., through the Catholic Distance University.

Biography of Frederick M. Jelly, O.P.

Fredrick M. Jelly was born June 20, 1927 in Bayonne, New Jersey, and, before entering the Dominicans in 1949, attended Seton Hall Prep and Seton Hall University. After studies at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., he was ordained to the priesthood in 1956. He was professor of theology and philosophy at the Providence College, Prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C.; Academic Dean at the Pontifical College Josephinum; Visiting Professor of Theology at St. Thomas University in Dallas; Professor at the International Marian Research Institute, and Academic Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology at Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

He was active in many academic organizations and noted for his abiding interest in Mariology and ecumenism. He was consultant to the American bishops in their pastoral letter, Behold Your Mother (1974). A longtime and very active member of the Mariological Society of America, Fr. Jelly served as president of the organization from 1976-1978. He assisted in establishing the American branch of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary and also served as president of that organization. In 1986, he authored *Madonna: Mary in the Catholic Tradition*, a work used as a basic text in Marian studies. He received the "Patron Medal" in 1993 from the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the Catholic University of America in recognition of his promotion of Marian studies.

He was involved in religious education and catechetics and wrote the section on Mary in the best-selling catechism *The Teaching of Christ*. He worked with the Catholic Home Study Institute to develop materials for religious education. Many of his conferences on religious topics are available on audio-cassette from Alba House.

He was chosen to participate as the Catholic representative in several ecumenical dialogues: the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue; the Anglican-Roman Catholic Bilateral Dialogue in the USA (1975); and the American Dialogue with the Southern Baptists (1982). His last published article reviewed the ecumenical conferences recorded in fifty years of Marian Studies, the journal containing the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Mariological Society of America.

In 1998, he was awarded the degree of Magister of Sacred Theology from the Dominican Prior General. The award was conferred by the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph at a Vespers Service in St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City. Fr. Jelly was a dedicated Thomist who strove to relate the teachings of St. Thomas to contemporary theology.

Following a lengthy illness, Fr. Jelly passed away on April 14, 2000 at Georgetown Medical Center in Washington, D.C.
Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials relating to a course developed and taught by Fr. Fredrick Jelly. The title of the course is Madonna: Mary in the Catholic Tradition, course 101-0104, taught via the Catholic Distance University, formerly known as the Catholic Home Study Institute. The course materials contain a binder with 14 lessons, including an appendix, glossary, and anthology, a cassette tape, the publications Behold Your Mother, Woman of Faith: A Pastoral Letter on the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Madonna: Mary in the Catholic Tradition.

The collection also contains brochures for the Catholic Distance University, and a course catalog for Undergraduate courses in Religious Studies.

Arrangement

The materials in this collection are arranged as they were disseminated in the original course.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

The Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute, 2011

Revision Description

May 2013

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**Acquisition Information**

The materials were donated to the Marian Library by Fr. Frederick Jelly.

**Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Jillian Slater in 2011.

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**Search Terms**

**Corporate Name(s)**

- Catholic Distance University
- Catholic Home Study Institute

**Personal Name(s)**

- Jelly, Fredrick M.

**Subject(s)**

- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Study and teaching
- Mary, Blessed Virgin, Saint--Theology

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**Technical Requirements**
A cassette tape player is required for one item in the collection.
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