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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Roesch Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Pflaum Publishing Group
<b>Title:</b>	Pflaum Publishing Company publications
<b>ID:</b>	CSC.034
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1889-1971
<b>Physical Description:</b>	20.75 Linear Feet
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Pflaum publications were produced by the Pflaum Publishing Company of Dayton, Ohio. The collection is mainly bound volumes of original weekly newspapers and comic books for Catholic youth.

### Preferred Citation

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## History of the Pflaum Publishing Company

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In 1885, the Pflaum Publishing Company was founded by George A. Pflaum Sr. The publishing house, located in Dayton, Ohio, first produced a weekly newspaper, the *Young Catholic Messenger*. The newspaper was distributed to students in the Catholic School System.

George A. Pflaum Jr. took over the company's operation upon his father's death. He expanded the *Young Catholic Messenger* series to include the *Junior Catholic Messenger* and *Our Little Messenger*, each of which addressed a different age group. It was not long before the company was known to Catholic parents across the United States and Canada for producing religious and moral reading material for all members of the family.

In addition to the *Messenger* series, George A. Pflaum Jr. began the publication of the *Treasure Chest of Fun and Fact*, a Catholic comic book, in 1946. Most of the stories promoted themes of faith, family, and

patriotism and related to sports, school, and Saints. Contributors included Frank Borth, Bob Powell, and Reed Crandall.

Today the Pflaum Publishing Group continues to publish a wide range of materials used for Catholic religious education.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Pflaum Publishing Company publications include religious weekly newspapers and comic books. The bulk of this collection consists of the *Young Catholic Messenger*, the *Junior Catholic Messenger*, *Our Little Messenger*, and the *Treasure Chest of Fun and Fact*, among other publications. The collection spans 1889-1971.

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## Arrangement

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The Pflaum Publishing Company publications consist of bound volumes, described alphabetically in this finding aid.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Catholic literature
- Catholic Church -- Education
- Publications
- Comic books and children
- Publications -- Ohio -- Dayton
- Pflaum, George A., Jr.
- Pflaum, George A., Sr.
- Catholic Church

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
The Catechist, Vol. 4, 1970-1971 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970-1971	
The Confraternity Messenger, Vol. 1, 1937-1938 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1937-1938	
Discover Witness Primary, Vol. 4, 1970-1971 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1970-1971	
The Junior Catholic Messenger, Confraternity Edition, Vol. 3-32, 1936-1966 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1936-1966	

## Scope and Contents note

Vol. 15 is not included.

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The Junior Catholic Messenger, School Edition, Vol. 8-36,  
1941-1970

Date [inclusive]: 1941-1970

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Messenger Guide, 1962-1964

Date [inclusive]: 1962-1964

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Messenger Guide, Teacher's Edition, 1963-1967

Date [inclusive]: 1963-1967

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The Messenger Jamboree, Vol. 1, 1965

Date: 1965

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Modern Media Teacher, Vol. 2, 1970-1971

Date [inclusive]: 1970-1971

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Our Little Messenger, Confraternity Edition, Vol. 8-33, 1942-1968

Date [inclusive]: 1942-1968

## Scope and Contents note

Vol. 11 is not included.

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Our Little Messenger, School Edition, Vol. 1-16, 1935-1951

Date [inclusive]: 1935-1951

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Our Little Messenger, School Edition: Grade 1, Vol. 17-35,  
1951-1970

Date [inclusive]: 1951-1970

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Our Little Messenger, School Edition: Grade 2, Vol. 17-35,  
1951-1970

Date [inclusive]: 1951-1970

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Our Little Messenger, School Edition: Grade 3, Vol. 17-35,  
1951-1970

Date [inclusive]: 1951-1970

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Our Little Messenger, Summer Editions, Vol. 1-4, 1964-1967

Date [inclusive]: 1964-1967

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Summer Treasure Chest, 1966

Date: 1966

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Today's Catholic Teacher, 1970-1971

Date [inclusive]: 1970-1971

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Treasure Chest, Vol. 2-26, 1946-1971

Date [inclusive]: 1946-1971

**Scope and Contents note**

Vol. 11, 19, 21-24 are not included.

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Witness (Intermediate), Vol. 1-3, 7, 1964-1967, 1970-1971

Date [inclusive]: 1964-1967, 1970-1971

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The Young Catholic Messenger, Vol. 5-85, 1889-1969

Date [inclusive]: 1889-1969

**Scope and Contents note**

Vol. 18-19, 23, 53-57, and 79 are not included.

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The Young Catholic Messenger, Confraternity Edition, Vol. 60-80,  
1943-1964

Date [inclusive]: 1943-1964

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The Young Catholic Messenger, Teacher's Guide, Vol. 1-4,  
1939-1942

Date [inclusive]: 1939-1942