



Archdiocese of Saint Louis Archives and Records

Bishop Charles H. Helmsing Papers, 1949-1978

Descriptive Summary

Abstract: The Bishop Charles H. Helmsing Papers contain correspondence, official documents, photographs and biographical materials regarding Charles Helmsing.

Extent: 1 folder

Record Group Number: RG 02 F

Access

Open to the public. Please make an appointment to research at the archives. See our website at <http://archstl.org/archives>.

Historical Note

1908 March 23	Born in Shrewsbury; Parents: George Helmsing and Louise Boschert
1927	Entered Kenrick Seminary
1933 June 10	Ordained by Archbishop Glennon, Saint Louis, Missouri
1933-1946	Assistant Pastor: Saint Liborius, Immaculate Conception, New Cathedral
1936-1947	Assistant Superintendent of High Schools
1939-1947	Advocate of Archdiocese Tribunal
1946	Secretary to Archbishop Glennon
1947	Director of Propagation of Faith; Director of the Legion of Mary
1949 March 22	Named Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Louis
1949 April 19	Consecrated Titular Bishop of Axomis and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Louis
1956 November 28	Installed as Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
1962 January 31	Named Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph
1962 April 03	Installed as Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph
1977 July 01	Resigned because of health as Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph
1993	Died in Kansas City

Scope and Content

This is a legacy finding aid created sometime in 2008 or prior, which contains some descriptions of series and item-level inventory. The inventory of contents is not always complete or exhaustive. There is one folder, including:

- 1949 Programs of Consecration Booklet
- 1949 April 7
- 1956 Letter of Committee announcing Testimonial Dinner and Collection
- 1956 Testimonial Luncheon Programs (1956 November 21)
- 1956 Invitations to Canonical Erection of Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and Installation of Bishop Helmsing (1956 November 28)
- Pamphlet- *True Devotionettes*
- Pamphlet- *Priests and the Legion of Mary*, by Bishop Helmsing (undated)
- Pamphlet- *Queen of All Heart*, Montford Fathers
- Pamphlet- A Message from Bishop Helmsing to his Seminarians (undated)
- Photographs
- News photo of Pope Pius XII greeting group at audience (1950 May 24)
- 1978 Copy of letter sent to Rome regarding Canonization of Catherine McAuley (1978 December 11)

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