



Archdiocese of Saint Louis Archives and Records

Bishop John Patrick Cody Papers, 1932-1982

Descriptive Summary

Abstract: The Bishop John Patrick Cody Papers include personal papers, correspondence and biographical information by and about George Donnelly.

Extent: 3 folders

Language of Materials: English, Latin, Italian

Record Group Number: RG 02 E

Access

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

Historical Note

Brief Chronology

1907 December 24	Born in Saint Louis, Missouri; Parents: Thomas Cody and Mary Begley
1931 December 08	Ordained in Rome, Italy by Francesco Cardinal Marchetti-Selvaggiani
1932-1938	Assistant Rector of American College in Rome
1933-1938	Staff of Vatican Secretariat of State
1938	Secretary to Archbishop Glennon, Saint Louis
1940	Chancellor of Archdiocese of Saint Louis and Vice Officialis; Resided at Saint Mary's Special School and later at New Cathedral
1946	Pastor – Immaculata
1947 May 14	Named Titular Bishop of Appolonia and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Louis
1947 July 02	Consecrated Bishop in Saint Louis
1954 January 27	Named Co-Adjutor Bishop with right of succession to Bishop Charles H. LeBlond of Saint Joseph, Missouri
1955 May 09	Bishop of Saint Joseph, Missouri
1956 August 29	Transferred to the newly formed Kansas City-Saint Joseph Diocese as Co Adjutor to Archbishop O'Hara
1956 October 11	Bishop of Kansas City-Saint Joseph
1961 August 14	Named Titular Archbishop of Bostia and Co-Adjutor to Archbishop Rummell of New Orleans
1964 November 08	Archbishop of New Orleans
1965 June 16	Archbishop of Chicago
1965 June 24	Installed as Archbishop of Chicago
1967 May	Named Cardinal by Pope Paul VI
1967 June 26	Elevated at Consistory in Rome
1982 April 25	Died in Chicago, Illinois

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 are three folders:

Folder Correspondence, 1932-1975

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Undated Untitled Financial Recapitulation Report
1932 December 01 *Cody to Glennon*: settled at North American College, registered at Applinarius U.
1936 January 10 *Cody to Glennon*: helping Rector. Describes voyage from U.S. and conditions in Rome. Changes in Curia.
1936 May 20 *Cody to Glennon*: describes conditions in Italy; his progress in his studies; hopes to finish thesis soon (2 pages)
1936 October 05 *Cody to Glennon*: thanks Glennon for allowing him to complete thesis. International situation uncertain (4 pages)
1936 October 31 *Glennon to Tardini*: grants request
1937 April 17 *Cody to Glennon*: apologizes that his letter has not been received. Tells of work at Secretariat (3 pages)
1937 June 01 *Cody to Glennon*: thanks Glennon for his generosity. Will obtain blessings requested. More on conditions in Europe and Reverend Pierre de la Ney (2 pgs)
1940 March 29 *Shepley to Cody*: approval of passports for Glennon and Cody
1940 April 02 *Cody to Shepley*: thanks for passports
1941 February 24 *Reverend Walter Carroll to Cody*: describes conditions in Rome
1941 June 19 *Carroll to Cody*: distributing funds as Cody requested; sending blessings.
1941 November 04 *Cody to Carroll*: tells of his many duties in Saint Louis; asks about Roman friends
1942 December 16 Peter's Pence Report
1943 April 27 Report on Catholic University Collection
1943 October 22 National Catholic Community Services Appeal
1943 December 20 Report and check, Peter's Pence Collection
1944 February 18 Peter's Pence Collection
1945 June 13 Enclosing documents for Glennon to sign giving Cody power to act as Attorney in-Fact. Unsigned copies of Power of Attorney
1945 December 22 *Cody to Glennon*: Christmas greetings; thanks Glennon for his appointment as Pastor of newly established parish of Immaculata
1946 February 05 Peter's Pence Collection
1952 April 08 *President Truman to Cody*: immigration problems
1967 June 05 *Cody to Cardinal Ritter*: thanks Ritter for congratulatory message
1968 February 29 *Cody to Drumm*: sends wishes to Ritter and letter of Catholic Alumni Club
1972 May 16 *Cody to Drumm*: wants information on Feast Celebration May 14, 1947
1972 November 01 *Cody to Drumm*: Cody wants Carberry's letter on "long-haired" priests
1975 November 06 *Drumm to Cody*: sends Carberry's pastoral on Clerical attire

Correspondence regarding the Citizens Committee for Post War Improvement

1944 January 06 *Mayor Kaufman to Cody*: request Cody to serve on committee
1944 January 07 *Cody to Mayor Kaufman*: will attend meeting. 1944 February 26 *Walter Head to Cody*: asks Cody to serve on Executive Board
1944 March 02 *Memo*: Glennon gives his approval
1944 March 02 *Cody to Walter Head*: will accept appointment
1944 March 03 *Head to Cody*: thanks for accepting appointment
1944 March 24 *Head to Cody*: gives March 01 Executive Committee Report; asks Cody to serve on Supervisory Committee
1944 March 25 *Cody to Head*: Accepts, will attend March 29 meeting
1944 March 29 *Head to Cody*: subcommittee being formed. Cody on hospitals and institutions
1944 March 31 *Cody to Head*: please for him to work
1944 May 29 *Kaufman to Cody*: sending report on NY Program; thanks Cody for work.

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1944 April 09 *Kaufman to Cody*: appreciation to Cody for his work
1948 *Cody to Germany*: regarding position for Dr. Donovan chief of Religious Affairs.

Correspondence regarding Italian Peace Treaty Efforts

Undated Italian Reports

Outline of conditions that should be included in Treaty

From Pasquale Diane Ambasciate d'Italia Presso de Santa Side to Cody: encloses a printed statement by Italian Foreign Minister at Conference for Foreign Ministers in London

Report on Italy's economic problem

1946 Pro-Memoria: describes conditions in Italy, warns of consequences of unfavorable attitude of US government

1946 February 02 *Apostolic Delegate Raimondi to Cody*: introduces Ambassador Commendator, Soro

1946 February 07 *Cody to Apostolic Delegate Raimondi*: Cody introduces Soro to Glennon, who will write to President Truman. Cody will write to Postmaster Hannegan, an old classmate, who has influence with the President

1946 February 08 *Glennon to President Truman*: Peace Treaty with Italy; must be justice in handling economic and territorial matters; must restore confidence in Italian people

1946 February 08 *Cody to Hannegan*: encloses Glennon's letter to Truman; seeks Hannigan's aid

1946 March 25 *Cody to Apostolic Delegate Cicognini*: send him a copy of Glennon's letter to Truman

1946 May 27 *Cody to Richard Nancy*: asks help to get American Aid to Italy

1946 June 01 *Tarchiani, Italian Ambassador to Cody*: informs Cody that he has been awarded "Commendatone dell' Ordene della corono d'Itali" by Italian government for his work for Italian recovery

1946 June 01 *Rome Minister of Affairs to Cody*: confers the above decoration on Cody

1946 June 10 *Soro to Cody*: congratulations on award

1946 July 29 *Clarence Cannon, Chairman Appropriations Committee to Cody*: loan to Italy approved, thanks Cody

1946 August 01 *Cody to Cannon*: thanks Cannon for his help

1946 August 08 *Washington D.C. Italian Affairs to Cody*: thanks Cody for his efforts for just peace for Italy

1946 August 16 *Soro to Cody*: send the above letter

1949 November *White House to Cody*: regarding internationalization of Jerusalem

Folder Appointments, Consecration and Death, 1940-1982

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1940 Appointment as Chancellor

1948 Will

1961 Will with Codil

1939 February 01 Appointment to Curia

1938 August 02 Special Faculties from Apostolic Delegate

1939 September 15 Nonciature Apostolique France

1947 June 23 Permission from Apostolic Delegate to proceed with Consecration without Bulls

1954 January Co-Adjutor of Saint Joseph's Diocese

1955 May 06 Bishop of Saint Joseph

1947 Invitations and programs for Consecration

1947 Photographs of Consecration and Cody with Biretta

1982 Priest Purgatorial Society Card

1982 Christian Burial Booklet

News Clippings

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Folder Biographical and Events, 1943-1976**(Record Number EXEC/02EXEC/13)**

News clippings

Photograph of Cody at desk

Co-Adjutor and Apostolic Administrator, Kansas City – Saint Joseph 1956

Silver Jubilee Celebration 1956

New Orleans Testimonial Banquet 1981

Elevation to Cardinalate 1967

Related Material

RG 10 A World Wars Records

Administrative Information

Provenance: Much of the material probably originated as a priest personnel file with the Office of the Archbishop. Some correspondence is from Cody's papers, and other items may have been added later by Archives staff.

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