



Archdiocese of Saint Louis Archives and Records

Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers, 1832-2018

Descriptive Summary

Abstract: The Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers include faculties, personal and official documents, pastoral letters, correspondence, financial ledgers, artifacts, books, and biographical information.

Extent: 3 linear feet (4 boxes)

Language of Materials: English, Latin, German, French

Record Group Number: RG 01 C

Access

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

Historical Note

Biographical Chronology

- 1806 August 18 Born in Dublin. Parents Thomas Kenrick and Jane Foy
- 1832 March 6 Ordained at St Patrick's Royal College, Maynooth in Dublin
- 1833 October Arrived in Philadelphia at request of his brother Archbishop Francis Patrick Kenrick and assumed Presidency of Seminary. Was made Rector of Cathedral and Vicar General of Diocese
- 1840 Left for Rome to apply for admission to Jesuits. Dissuaded from this move by Jesuit Superior
- 1841 November 30 Consecrated Co-adjutor of Bishop Rosati with the right of Succession, at St Mary's Cathedral in Philadelphia; and as Bishop of Dracas
- 1841 December Residing in St Louis, administrator while Rosati is in Europe and Haiti
- 1843 September 25 Becomes Bishop of St Louis on Death of Rosati
- 1847 St. Louis raised to Archdiocese
- 1848 September 3 Receives Pallium as Archbishop of St Louis
- 1850 August Calls his first Diocesan Synod (second in St Louis)
- 1852 May Attends First Plenary Council in Baltimore
- 1855 October Held First Provincial Council of St Louis Archdiocese
- 1858 September Second Provincial Council
- 1857 May 3 Consecrated James Duggan as his First Co-adjutor
- 1865 June Pastoral Call for priests to ignore Missouri's Drake Constitution
- 1866 November 30 Silver Jubilee of Consecration as Bishop
- 1869 Attended First Vatican Council
- 1872 April 14 PJ Ryan consecrated Kenrick's Co-adjutor, with right to succession (from 1872-1884, appointment to Philadelphia 1884)

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1891 November 30 Golden Jubilee Celebration

1892 March Bishop Kain of Wheeling appointed his Co-adjutor (arrived June)

1896 March 14 Death

Scope and Content

The Kenrick Papers are very limited and do not contain the full extent of Kenrick's life work. According to the St. Louis Catholic Historical Review (Vol. 1 No. 1, October 1918), Archbishop Kenrick's successor Archbishop John Kain directed Kenrick's papers to be destroyed when he was appointed to the episcopacy in 1896. Correspondence with Archbishop Francis P. Kenrick was sent to the Archdiocese of Baltimore to be added to the Francis P. Kenrick Papers. The Francis P. Kenrick Papers are now at the Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. What survived of Peter R. Kenrick's papers were held by Chancellor Henry Van der Sanden and salvaged from his effects upon his death in 1910; these are what make up this collection in the Archdiocese of St. Louis Archives.

The Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers include faculties, personal and official documents, pastoral letters, correspondence, financial ledgers, artifacts, books, and biographical information. Much of the correspondence is copies from other archives. The financial ledgers are significant because Archbishop Kenrick pulled the diocese out of debt during his episcopacy. Other items of interest include the small file on the Drake Constitution (also known as the Ironclad Oath) and letters related to Kenrick's objection to papal infallibility.

Below is an inventory of folders, artifacts, and bound items in the collection. There is a separate document that inventories and describes contents, called the *Annotated Index to the Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers*.

Related Materials

Annotated Index to the Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers

Administrative Information

Provenance: Office of the Archbishop, Peter Richard Kenrick

Accession: Unknown.

Processing Note: It is unknown when the collection was originally processed. Further processing work was conducted by Tina Bethea in 2013, and by Rena Schergen in 2021.



Records Inventory

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Document	Record Number	EXEC/01/A1000005	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Appointments - Papal Appointment of Kenrick as Archbishop of the newly created Archdiocese of St. Louis. 1847 February			Container A2552
Document	Record Number	EXEC/01/A1000010	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Appointments - Papal Document of Appointment of Kenrick as Titular Archbishop of Marianopolis by Leo XIII on 1895 June 8			Container A2552
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/B2000014	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Biographical - Information, U.S. citizenship, and death announcements, 1847-circa 1900			Container A15
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/B2000019	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Biographical - News Clippings, 1871-1896, 1984			Container A15
Artifact	Record Number	EXEC/01/C2000039	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Coat of Arms - Kenrick bishop's crest, wax seal stamp, circa 1843-1847			Container A4414
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3000137	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Drake Constitution (Ironclad Oath), with news clipping, 1865, 1896			Container A15
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3000138	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - general 1842-1891			Container A16
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3001556	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Peter Richard Kenrick - Oversized 1842-1847			Container A3797
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3000142	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - photocopies from Archdiocese of New Orleans Archives 1843-1849			Container A16
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3000143	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - photocopies from Archdiocese of New Orleans Archives 1849-1869			Container A16
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3000139	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - photocopies from other archives 1844-1891 (compiled 1968-2018)			Container A16
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3001913	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - photocopies from Sulpician Archives in Baltimore 1832-1862			Container A16
Folder	Record Number	EXEC/01/C3003184	Series
Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - photocopies from unidentified archives 1842-1853			Container A16



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Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Priests' faculties and dispensations, general 1850-1853	Record Number EXEC/01/C3000135	Series Container A15
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Priests' faculties and seminarian testimonials 1845-1891	Record Number EXEC/01/C3000136	Series Container A15
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet, photocopies from Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Archives, 1860-1877 (compiled 2003)	Record Number EXEC/01/C3000144	Series Container A16
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Timon, CM, John 1842-1846	Record Number EXEC/01/C3000140	Series Container A16
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Correspondence - Van der Sanden, Rev. Henry, Chancellor 1866-1891	Record Number EXEC/01/C3000141	Series Container A16
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Faculties - received from the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith, 1841-1895	Record Number EXEC/01/F1000003	Series Container A15
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Jubilee Celebrations - Golden Jubilee book - Life of Most Peter Richard Kenrick, D.D., Archbishop of St. Louis 1891	Record Number EXEC/01/J1000001	Series Container A15
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Jubilee Celebrations - Golden Jubilee booklets and invitations, 1891	Record Number EXEC/01/J1000002	Series Container A15
Artifact Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Jubilee Celebrations - Menu and program for Kenrick's Golden Episcopal, 1891	Record Number EXEC/01/J1000064	Series Container A3358
Document Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Jubilee Celebrations - Poster of Kenrick Golden Jubilee 1891 (2 copies)	Record Number EXEC/01/J1000054	Series Container A2552
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Personal Papers - Financial receipts and invoices, 1844-1893	Record Number FNCL/101	Series Container A15
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Personal Papers - Relics and documentation, 1882-1885	Record Number EXEC/01/P2000005	Series Container A15
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Photographic Material - Kenrick Oversized Portrait Print	Record Number EXEC/01/P5000753	Series Container A3956
Folder Executive - Archbishop and Bishop - Photographic Material - Portraits, images, and coat of arms 1884-1891	Record Number HIST/1319	Series Container A15



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Bound Volume Financial - Cash Books - 1850-1855	Record Number FNCL/41	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - Cash Books - Kenrick cash book 1848-1858	Record Number FNCL/2110	Series Container A3806
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Account book 1880-1909	Record Number FNCL/2113	Series Container A3807
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Bishop Kenrick personal accounts ledger 1850-1858	Record Number FNCL/2117	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick account book 1848-1858	Record Number FNCL/2111	Series Container A3806
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick Account Book 1869	Record Number FNCL/2114	Series Container A3807
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick Cash Book 1849-1856	Record Number FNCL/217	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick Cash Book 1862-1868	Record Number FNCL/2118	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick day book 1855-1858	Record Number FNCL/2112	Series Container A3807
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick Day book 1864-1875	Record Number FNCL/2116	Series Container A3807
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick day book 1886-1895	Record Number FNCL/2125	Series Container A3808
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick day book 1892-1896	Record Number FNCL/2124	Series Container A3808
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick Financial Ledger 1842-1848	Record Number FNCL/219	Series Container A3806
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick institutional accounts ledger 1865-1867	Record Number FNCL/42	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick institutional accounts ledger 1867-1869	Record Number FNCL/43	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Kenrick mixed accounts ledger 1844-1860	Record Number FNCL/218	Series Container A3806



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Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Real estate and stocks 1869	Record Number FNCL/2115	Series Container A3807
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Thorton estate journal 1858-1861	Record Number FNCL/2121	Series Container A3808
Bound Volume Financial - General and Specific Funds - Thorton estate ledger 1857-1860	Record Number FNCL/2119	Series Container A3808
Bound Volume Financial - General Ledger, Annual - 1857-1858	Record Number FNCL/2120	Series Container
Bound Volume Financial - General Ledger, Annual - 1858-1865	Record Number FNCL/226	Series Container
Artifact Historical - Artifacts - Box of 15 commemorative coins, Kenrick Golden Jubilee, 1891	Record Number HIST/2448	Series Container A3358
Artifact Historical - Artifacts - Handpainted green china plate presented to Kenrick by Sisters of Loretto for episcopal anniversary, 1891	Record Number HIST/2440	Series Container A3298
Artifact Historical - Artifacts - Handpainted pink china bowl presented to Kenrick by Sisters of Loretto for episcopal anniversary, 1891	Record Number HIST/2439	Series Container A3298
Artifact Historical - Artifacts - Medal in frame honoring Golden Jubilee 1891	Record Number HIST/2535	Series Container A4793
Artifact Historical - Artifacts - Pin with Ribbon - Archbishop Richard Kenrick Golden Jubilee, 1891	Record Number HIST/2263	Series Container A3880
Bound Volume Historical - Publications - "Pilgrims and Shrines" by Eliza Allen Starr. Vol. 2. (Chicago: Union Catholic Publishing Company, 1883)	Record Number HIST/142945	Series Container A4038
Bound Volume Historical - Publications - European Civilization: Protestantism and Catholicity compared in their effects on the civilization of Europe by Rev. J. Balmes (Baltimore: John Murphy & Co., 1850)	Record Number HIST/144294	Series Container A5552
Bound Volume Historical - Publications - Month of Mary by Peter Richard Kenrick (Philadelphia: Eugene Cummiskey, circa 1895)	Record Number HIST/143758	Series Container A4538
Bound Volume Historical - Publications - Month of Mary by Peter Richard Kenrick (Philadelphia: Peter Reilly Company, 1934)	Record Number HIST/143759	Series Container A4538



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Bound Volume	Record Number	HIST/20130	Series
Historical - Reference - Life of Most Reverend Peter Richard Kenrick, D.D., Archbishop of Saint Louis by Catholic Publishing Co. of Saint Louis 1891			Container A4039

Bound Volume	Record Number	HIST/20131	Series
Historical - Reference - The Holy House of Loretto; or, an examination of the historical evidence of its miraculous translation by Peter Richard Kenrick (Philadelphia: Eugene Commiskey, 1876)			Container A4039