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Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers, 1832-1973

Descriptive Summary

Abstract: The Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick Papers include faculties, personal and official documents, pastoral letters, correspondence, and biographical information from and regarding the life and work of Kenrick.

Extent: 2 linear feet (4 boxes)

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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 F.P 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 Bishop of Drasa and Co-adjutor of Bishop Rosati, with the right of Succession, at St Mary' Cathedral in Philadelphia
- 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)

1898 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.

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01 Faculties

Summary of dispensations 1881-1890

Letters to Sacred Congregation requesting faculties: 1853 January 8; 1876 September 20; 1884 April 19; 1885 February 10; 1892 December 19; 1895 November 23

List of Faculties and Dispensations:

1843 December 17

1847 January 10

1850 June 2

1843 December 17

1847 January 10

1850 July 1

1845 January 22

1848 July 9

1851 January 29

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1854 November 8	1875 September 26	1881 November 26
1854 November 22	1876 January 23	1881 November 26
1858 June 20	1876 March 5	1882 November 19
1862 June 8	1876 March 19	1882 November 19
1863 March 8	1876 April 27	1882 November 19
1863 March 8	1876 July 16	1884 April 19
1863 March 8	1876 August 20	1884 May 11
1863 April 19	1876 August 20	1884 May 18
1863 September 13	1876 September 10	1884 May 25
1864 May 12	1876 December 13	1885 February 10
1865 August 30	1877 February 11	1885 March 8
1865 December 3	1877 March 4	1885 December 13
1866 December 16	1877 September 15	1887 November 3
1867 September 29	1877 October 2	1889 March 24
1868 March 1	1878 February 3	1890 May 3
1869 July 1	1878 February 24	1890 May 4
1870 March 13	1878 March 24	1890 May 25
1872 January 21	1878 August 18	1891 April 21
1872 January 21	1879 April 6	1891 July 19 (2 copies)
1872 January 21	1879 December 18 (3 copies)	1891 July 19
1874 January 18	1881 September 11	1891 July 19
1874 February 25	1881 September 18	1891 July 19
1874 July 19	1881 September 18	1892 December 19
1875 May 20	1881 November 26	1893 January 3
1875 June 20	1881 November 26	

02 Personal and Official Documents

RG 01 C 02.1 Official Documents

1841 May 23 Made Bishop of Dracas and Co-adjutor of St Louis

Appointed as Archbishop of St Louis

1895 June 08 Made Archbishop of Marianapolis

1957 correspondence between Vatican and Archbishop Ritter re: Kenrick's standing after Vatican I.

RG 01 C 02.2 Personal Documents

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1847 July 22 USA Citizenship papers

Multiple copies of Will

Related Material:

Property deed located in RG 03 C 05.2

03 Pastoral Letters

- 1842 February 16: Establishes a Temperance Society (2 copies)
- 1842 June: Call for Prayers for Spain from the Pope
- 1846 September 14: Plan support for Clergy (English and German copies)
- 1849 February 2: Lenten Regulations (2 copies); Seminary Needs; Arrival of Sisters of Good Shepherd in St. Louis
- 1850 September 1: Calling for Synod (multiple copies)
- 1850 November 25: Announcing of Jubilee Year by Pius IX (5 copies-some contain names of priests and some statistics)
- 1852 February 2: Jubilee Indulgences
- 1853 February: Annual Collection for Seminary
- 1854 October 2: Pope's August 1, 1854 Letter- Jubilee Indulgence Prayers for Church in present danger
- 1855 February 1: Lenten Fast; Seminary Collection
- 1858 September 12: Pastoral Letter of the II St Louis Provincial Council
- 1860 August 27: Pastoral Letters from Bishops of Province re: Papal Lands
- 1863 August 27: Mass Stipends
- 1864 January 29: Lenten Regulations; Seminary Collection
- 1865 June 29: Promulgating Jubilee, includes Pius IX's Encyclical
- 1865 July 28: Latin letter re: faculties
- 1868 August 24: Regulations for Temporal Administration of Church- 2 copies of letters to Pastors; 4 printed and 1 handwritten copies of regulations to be given out in Churches
- 1889 November 21: Immaculate Conception a Holy Day- Collection for American College in Rome
- 1872 January 15: Lenten Regulations
- 1872 February 1: Cathedra collection
- 1872 May 24: Collection for the Holy Father
- 1875 January 18: Lenten Regulations
- 1876 February 8: Lenten Regulations
- 1876 February 15: Latin letter to priests re: dispensations
- 1877 January 22: Lenten Regulations

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- 1877 December 13: Orphan and Seminary Collection and Cathedraticum 1 handwritten 2 printed copies
- 1878 January 28: To priests re: Cathedraticum
- 1878 February 20: Lenten Regulations
- 1878 October 22: To Pastors: Collection for the Catholic Protectorate at Glencoe
- 1879 February 4: Lenten regulations
- 1879 March 8: Jubilee Indulgences
- 1879 March 15: Incorporation of Churches for protection of Property (2)
- 1879 December 13: Pastors: Collection and raise in Cathedraticum
- 1880 January 14: Lenten Regulations
- 1880 January 17: To Pastors delinquent in Cathedraticum payments
- 1880 February 18: Collections for Irish sufferers
- 1881 January 31: Lenten Regulations
- 1881 April 26: Conditions for gaining Jubilee Indulgence (1 handwritten, 1 printed, 1 directions for distributions)
- 1882 January 26: Lenten Regulations
- 1883 May 17: To the Pastors, Obligation to have Collection for Holy Father
- 1883 September 24: Pope Leo wishes Rosary to be said in Churches in October
- 1884 February 11: Lenten Regulations
- 1884 March 13: Leontine Prayers after all Masses
- 1884 August 23: Tridium in honor of Blessed Mother's Birthday ordered by Pope (1 handwritten, 1 printed, 1 directive)
- 1884 September 24: Prayers to BVM during October (printed, handwritten and directive)
- 1884 October 27: To pastors, special collects November 1-9
- 1885 September 21: To Pastors, special prayers to BVM during October
- 1886: Jubilee Indulgences; Kenrick note to Ziegler and copy of letter
- 1888 January 19: Lenten regulations and Collection for Indian and Colored Missions
- 1889 June 14: Collection for Pope and for Indian and Colored Missions
- 1891 January 21: Lenten Regulations
- 1892 January 29: Lenten Regulations
- 1892 October 31: Campaign to raise money for Seminary repairs
- 1893 January 28: Lenten Regulations
- 1893 March 24: To priests, asking for response to letter from Rome on marriage (contains July 25, 1892 letter from Rome)

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- 1894 January 20: Lenten Regulations

04 Correspondence

RG 01 C 04.1 Correspondence – To Bishop Joseph Rosati

- 1842 February 20, St Louis: Financial state and changes made in Cathedral schedule
- 1842 June 3, St Louis: More on the dire financial situation and condition of Seminary plans
- 1842 August 31, St Louis: Rosati is given a most comprehensive financial picture of the Diocese

RG 01 C 04.2 Correspondence – To Rev. J. Timon, Vicar General (17 Letters)

- 1843 June 27: Asks Timon to take letters to Archbishop Camerin and to see about books
- Undated (Sunday): Requests Timon to examine Novice at Broadway Convent
- Undated (Monday): Timon to preach at the Cathedral
- Undated (Tuesday): Bishop Barrons IL, unable to perform marriage of Miss Chambers; Asks Timon to preside
- Undated (Thursday): Accepting a Seminarian
- 1842 March 18: Various Clergy appointments
- 1842 April 11, from Barrens: As Timon was not at Barrens he will have to write of the matters he had hoped to discuss. Can Timon supply any missionaries for the vast areas of Illinois and Iowa? Kenrick will be visiting Arkansas missions and southern Missouri. Arkansas has only one priest; Possibility of establishing some sort of seminary under the CM's in St Louis; Perhaps some studies could be accelerated so that ordinations may be held earlier.
- 1842 September 1: Regarding Timon's health; new constitutions of Sisters of Loretto and news of Diocese
- 1844 May 2: Sisters of St Joseph will take Colored School. News of the Diocese
- 1844 May 13: Sisters of St Joseph will take Colored School. Much financial information of Rosati's debt
- 1845 June 6: Asks Timon to seek Brothers for Diocese while he (Timon) is in France
- 1845 November 2: Plans for Seminary and Orphanage
- 1845 November 22: Plans for purchasing Kemper College to be used as Seminary; plans for Orphanage
- 1846 February 11: Letters to Bishop Chance and Blanc via Timon; Wishes Blanc to forward something to Havana
- 1846 February 17: Sisters of Visitation moving to house left to Kenrick by Mrs. Biddle. Plans for Seminary and his present financial situation
- 1846 April 3: Sending Timon a letter from Archbishop F.P. Kenrick
- 1846 November 24: Will transfer seminarians to his (PRK's) residence by January 1

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RG 01 C 04.3 Correspondence – Drake Constitution

(These are newspaper copies of letters, originals will be found in Father Meller's file)

- 1865 September 15: Congratulates Fr. Meller on his conduct, supports him and is sure the Oath will be declared unconstitutional
- 1866 December 5: No hope that Missouri will change Constitution, but is sure US Supreme Court will
- 1866 February 14: Still confident of Ruling of Supreme Court

RG 01 C 04.4 Correspondence – To Van der Sanden, Chancellor

- 1866 September 4: Will pay for 2 subdeacons entering Louvain College
- 1866 December 21: Van der Sanden cannot refuse absolution to parents who send children to public schools
- 1868 March 17, from Rome: Seminaries at Louvain
- 1869 April: More on Van Der Sanden's refusal to grant Absolution
- 1869 April 20: More on the above subject
- 1869 June 20: Kenrick will assign him to another parish, but will not release him from Diocese
- 1875 January 18: marriage impediment
- 1875 January 20: dispensations
- 1878 January 28: Send collection notices to pastors
- 1878 February 5: cemetery lots and some dispensations
- 1879 March 8: circular letter
- 1879 July 17: Van der Sanden is to send documents about Cahokia to Bishop of Alton
- 1880 February 17: Remit cathedraticum for Rev. Pope
- 1880 October 22: Dispensations for Kansas City Diocese to be transferred to Bishop Hogan; Give Eastern Boundary
- 1881 January 22: Send notice to pastors delinquent in Cathedraticum
- 1881 April 10: Kenrick needs deed from O'Neill of Citizen Savings Bank
- 1882 September 14: Kenrick needs deed for lot on Pine Street
- 1882 September 26: Kenrick needs deeds from Bishop Hogan
- 1882 October 3: Kenrick will send messenger for deeds
- 1883 February 19: Needs Cathedraticum due last year
- 1883 May 19: Circular letter to be printed
- 1883 September 24: Have circular letter printed

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- 1883 October 29: Insert Name of Rev Brockmeier Pastor for Bowling Green
- 1884 February 21: Clerical changes
- 1884 March 13: a Mrs. Stone and some disputed property in Kirkwood
- 1884 March 7: Have circular letter printed
- 1884 March 15: Directs Van der Sanden to pay chaplains fees to some priests
- 1884 May 31: Needs deed or documents regarding Sisters of Charity and Mullanphy Hospital
- 1884 August 6: Needs deeds for church property in Bishop Ryan's name
- 1884 August 30: Appoint Rev. P. Brady Vicar General
- 1884 September 3: Latin letter
- 1884 September 11: Kenrick inquiry about a priest name Signay. O'Reilly exeat
- 1884 October 27: copies of Incorporation and By-laws
- 1884 November 4: Rev. H.H. Reilly now in Charleston, Missouri
- 1885 January 27: Moving Chancery Office from St Mary's to Cathedral
- 1885 March 11: Burse for Student for College in Rome
- 1885 March 27: Holy Oils
- 1885 April 24: Burse available for American College in Rome
- 1885 April 27: Van der Sanden's stipend
- 1885 June 22: Kenrick leaving city for three weeks
- 1885 September 14: Van der Sanden ill. Kenrick needs Cathedraticum
- 1885 October 16: Send Bishop of Alton names of priests ordained in SL
- 1885 November 27: Mrs. Chambers check for Pope has not cleared bank
- 1886 February 17: Founded Masses; Calvary Cemetery Rent; mentions Fathers Coyle andTobyn
- 1886 March 16: Kenrick looking for deed for Half Orphanage on Lucas Street. Also tells Van der Sanden to send circular letter on Holy Oils (folder also has March 18 letter on Oil)
- 1886 October 6: Van der Sanden wishes to change location of Chancery Office; Kenrick on visitation
- 1887 September 19: Acknowledges letter about vestments from Meuers
- 1887 October 4: Send letters to pastors delinquent in Cathedraticum
- 1887 October 29: Kenrick not able to go to Creve Coeur
- 1888 January 24: Deed for property purchased by Bishop Bordeum (Holy Name School)
- 1888 April 5: Woman wishes Marriage license approved by Kenrick
- 1888 December 19: RE: Deed for Firman Desloge of Bonne Terre
- 1888 December 22: Wishes Troy Property deed of Mr. and Mrs. Garesche

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- 1889 April 15: Kenrick needs Cathedraticum. Bonne Terre Debt liquidated
- 1889 October 25: Needs information of Pierce City property
- 1890 June 22: Letter to Father Donahue owes debts in Bonne Terre
- 1891 March 21: Kenrick needs Cathedraticum
- Undated: fill out postcard
- Undated: Bless Chalice

RG 01 C 04.5 Correspondence – To Other Persons

- Tucker, Rev. Louis, 1849 January 10: Informs him of death of Rev. Cellini and Mrs. Smith
- Bakewell, R.A., 1851 August 12: Offers him editorship of Catholic paper
- Hennessy, Rev. E.M., 1857 August 18: Kenrick will receive his student
- Hennessy, Rev. E.M., 1858 February 10: marriage case
- Very Rev. Ryan, CM, 1859 February 10: Rev. Cody and Rev. Byrne; need place for rehabilitating priests
- Very Rev. Ryan, CM, 1859 August 31: Recommends student for Perryville
- Very Rev. Ryan, CM, 1860 December 18: Student for seminary

RG 01 C 04.5 Correspondence – To Other Persons

- McNemane, Rev. P, CM, 1861 November 2: Transferring student from Perryville to Milwaukee
- (McMery), 1863 September 7: Kenrick will pay half of student's expenses
- (McMery), 1864 May 10: Secret Societies
- O'Reilly, Rev. J., 1861 November 22: Has no more responsibility; Petit; a Canadian Seminarian
- Farber, Rev. M., 1867 February 4: Lenten regulations
- Muehlseipen, Rev. J., 1870 March 6: From Rome, General directives on Diocesan affairs Vicar General and comments on Vatican Council I
- Muehlseipen, Rev. J., 1888 February 24, St Louis: Good idea to visit the New Hamburg Congregation
- Muehlseipen, Rev. J., 1885 January 3: Appointment of clergy
- Ziegler, Rev. Charles, 1879 March 8: Send enclosed to Van der Sanden
- Ziegler, Rev. Charles, 1884 March 7: Leontine Prayers
- Ziegler, Rev. Charles, 1881 April 26: Sign and send enclosed to Van der Sanden

RG 01 C 04.6 Correspondence – To Bishop Richard Kenrick

- Laphesa, John, 1848 October 4, Marlbook, Dublin: Recommends a Mr. John Mattley

- Ryder, Patrick, 1885 August 16, St Louis: Gives power of attorney to Kenrick
- Meuer, Ann, 1887 August 20, Brussels: Asking for vestments for Bars Brule
- Gleeson, Rev. James, 1890 January 17, Richwood, WI: As thankful as if Kenrick had given him a position
- Magniem, Rev. C., 1891 February 26, St Mary's Seminary: Sends Archbishop Kenrick the term reports of St. Louis students at Seminary.
- Magniem, Rev. C., 1891 September 21, St Mary's Seminary: Students asked permission to change some theological courses (signature missing)

RG 01 C 04.7 Correspondence – Latin Letters

* Appear to be various appointments

RG 01 C 04.8 Correspondence – Photocopies from various outside sources

Suplician Seminary Baltimore

- 1837 July 30: Printed copy of letter recommending Rev. Larkin
- 1853 January 19: Recommending names for the see of Chicago
- 1863 September 16: Mr. Purcell going to their seminary
- 1863 September 16: Kenrick sending three seminarians
- 1864 February 2: Sorry Purcell is leaving
- 1865 January 12: Regarding the conduct of a Mr. Fogarty
- 1866 March 26: Accepting his hospitality during Council
- 1866 April 17: More on hospitality
- 1868 November 24: Approves of extra year of Studies, suggests Scripture or Church History
- 1868 October 19: Approves of four years of theology
- 1879 December 4: Must decline students (signed by Bishop P.J. Ryan)
- 1879 May 20: Do not keep any unsuitable students (PJ Ryan)
- 1881 April 13: Lack funds to approve of any more students. Will not approve of Tuohy (Ryan)
- 1881 November 11: Cannot accept Mr. Donovan at the present time (PJ Ryan)
- 1885 September 8: Regarding a student, Mr. Walsh (Rev. Brady, VG)

Daughters of Charity St Louis, 1868 July 2; 1866 March 26; 1853 January 19; 1870

Sinsinawa Dominicans, 1844 March 29

St John's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, 1892 September 18; 1891 December 25

From Archdiocese of New Orleans Archives, Kenrick to Archbishop Anthony Blanc. All Letters from St. Louis, MO.

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- 1843 January 3: Sympathizes with Blanc on troubles with trustees. Sending him a brief which Bishop Rosati received from Pope Leo XII which
- 1844 February 3: Death of Rosati; He feels incapable for new position. Suggests Timon for Blanc's co-adjutor
- 1845 February 18: Health restored since his visit to Blanc
- 1845 April 9: Thanks Blanc for his kindness to himself and Rev. St. Cyr. Discusses situation of Rev. Richardbole. Send money for Sisters of Charity.
- 1845 April 13: introduces a young man from St Louis
- 1845 April 16: Rev. Fontbonne to replace Rev. Fancais
- 1845 October 17: Introduces an Italian priest, Rev. Savelli. Thanks Blanc for information on Rev. DeAngelis' will.
- 1846 January 3: Introduces a Mrs. Dinnies who is moving to New Orleans
- 1846 January 16: Regrets he cannot go to New Orleans. Mrs. Biddle died and left money for Visitation Sisters. Problems with the Propaganda of the Faith.
- 1846 February 10: Seeking Blanc's aid regarding property in Havana
- 1846 April 3: St Louis missionary making inquiries about picture of the Blessed Virgin. Kenrick hopes to see him at the Council.
- 1846 August 13: Kenrick thinks Pope will send an encyclical. Has learned of the Oregon affair from his Brother.
- 1846 September 30: Introduces two Sisters of St Joseph who are returning to France
- 1846 December 2: Rev. Lahaye comes to New Orleans to visit Rev. Fontbonne
- 1846 February 11: Rev. Paris will be spending a few days in New Orleans to recover health
- 1847 March 3: Regarding Rev. Lahaye and Rev. Donnelly
- 1847 November 16: Ordering Ordo and some financial matters. Is surprised that the dangerous sickness has not reached New Orleans. Bishop of Louisville looking for a co-adjutor.
- 1848 March 15: Regarding matters of Rev. DeAngelis' will
- 1848 April 23: Has learned of Bishop Bazin's death. Chicago needs attention. Thinks Martin of Baton Rouge a good choice.
- 1848 October 26: Wants Blanc's order for 1849. Sorry for Blanc's losses.
- 1848 November 25: Bishop Barron plans to spend winter in the South.
- 1848 April 25: Introduces Lt. Julius Garesche who wished to obtain an orphan girl
- 1849 October 12: Sending Blanc his regard via Bishop Barron
- 1849 November 3: Introduces Dr. Johnson, non Catholic, but his wife is a member of the Church
- 1849 November 29: Has learned that German priest for who he wrote testimony on 26th may have done some things that show he is of little worth.
- 1850 July 17: Expresses Kenrick's appreciation for the work the Christian Brothers have done in

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his Diocese

- 1850 August 4: Problems regarding a Rev. Flavianus whom he suspects is an imposter
- 1851 January 22: Has changed nothing of the marriage regulations established by Bishop Rosati. News on some candidates for the various open Sees.
- 1852 October 30: Rev. Melcher bringing 2 Ursulines to New Orleans
- 1852 November 29: Introduces Rev. McFaul who is going South to regain health
- 1853 January 18: Bishop Vandeveld of Chicago is being transferred to another See. Gives suggestions for his successor.
- 1853 February 15: Introduces Rev. Powers. Going South for health.
- 1853 May 24: Kenrick encloses a draft for \$300 to pay the order of Dennis McCarthy on Rev. Wheeler.
- 1853 September 27: Kenrick has just sent the Cardinal Prefect names of 3 clergymen from whom a successor may be appointed to Chicago. Asks Blanc to write also.
- 1853 October 21: Kenrick does not know priest about whom the Prefect is inquiring. Sympathy to Blanc because of illness that has felled so many clergy and religious.
- 1853 October 27: Kenrick's recommendations for the See of Quincy
- 1853 December 19: Kenrick seeks Blanc's opinion on qualities of a Rev. Blackney SJ as Kenrick's co-adjutor
- 1854 February 14: Introduces a Dr. Lillis who visits South to regain health
- 1854 February 16: Introduces a Dr. Kearney who wishes to begin practice in New Orleans
- 1854 March 23: Sending more names for See of Chicago. Will send Duggan as administrator if Bishop of Milwaukee declines to do so.
- 1854 May 20: Rev. Paris has yielded to Kenrick's request to defer his return to Europe and help with French congregations
- 1854 June 26: Asks Blanc if he should give \$250 to a Basso Alessandro. He had a letter from Blanc.
- July 15: Agreeable to Blanc's telegram. Kenrick paid the above. Kenrick would prefer letter to telegram to avoid any improper use of his name.
- 1854 October 16: Kenrick can no longer delay in asking for a co-adjutor. Hopes that Blanc will approve of his names.
- 1855 October 17: Encloses note to be given to Mr. Kearney. Tells of nominations made by Council which ended Sunday for various Sees.
- 1856 January 15: Some financial matters. Will write to Rome about names for Natchez. Wishes Rome could be made to understand how much religion suffers by long delays in appointments.
- 1856 February 23: Kenrick sent \$50 to Rev. Moynihan. Hoped he received it.
- 1856 November 25: Thanks Blanc for attending to Fihely request.
- 1856 December 5: Recommending a Rev. Vignonet who is leaving St Louis; highly esteemed here

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- 1857 January 12: Kenrick expresses wish that the Sisters of Loretto will find assistance in Blanc's city.
- 1857 February 3: Kenrick sends draft for \$1374 on John Dougherty. Several other financial transactions mentioned.
- 1857 March 21: Encloses a draft on the account of Bishop Lamy. Tells of Bishop Cretin's death. Upset with the treatment they are receiving from the Propaganda Congregation.
- 1857 April 4: Cardinal Prefect has directed that the decree Provincial Council be amended. Tells of various appointments the Sees including Duggan as his co-adjutor.
- 1857 October 18: Kenrick has received Blanc's draft for Patrick Conway. Conway appears to be a good boy.
- 1857 November 14: Mr. Conway having trouble with his eyes. Mr. Benoist one of best bankers in the City. Vows of the Visitation Sisters as well as those of Ladies of the Sacred Heart. Are simple vows.
- 1857 December 2: Rev. Paris finds it advisable to spend time in the South
- 1858 October 6: Offers sympathy and prayers for Blanc during his severe affliction
- 1859 May 30: Kenrick will reimburse Blanc for sum he paid to California emigrant. Kenrick hopes that Blanc has recovered from his fall.
- 1859 November 30: Kenrick sends draft for Edward Conn. Hopes that Archbishop Purcell can suggest someone to assist Blanc in his arduous duties. The two Sisters of St Joseph have been dismissed from their Community.
- 1860 April 13: Accounts from Rome are bad. Indications point to a general war from which the Church will suffer greatly.

Archdiocese of New Orleans, Kenrick Correspondence with Bishop Odin, CM. *All Letters from St. Louis, MO.*

- 1861 July 12: Congratulations on his appointment to New Orleans See.
- 1862 April 14: Rev. Ryan young but believes he could be named for Little Rock Diocese. He is afraid that an attempt to procure nominations among the Northern Clergy will prove a failure and an embarrassment
- 1863 June 30: Kenrick does not think it good to make any nominations for Little Rock. No clergyman should be appointed from any of the Northern or Border States. Bishop Whelan of Nashville has resigned. Rev. Kelly OP appointed administrator.
- 1863 August: Returning from month's mind for his Brother and learns of death of Blanc and Neuman. The impossibility of communication with Richmond, Virginia, Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia mean some time will pass before a new Archbishop is appointed.
- 1865 February 10: Introduces a devoted Catholic, MN Nolan
- 1865 June 2: Assures Odin that Rev. Patrick Feehan may be safely proposed for promotion. His name is on Kenrick's list.

- 1865 November 28: He will write to Cardinal Barnabo relative to names for Little Rock. Also makes suggestions for Dubuque. Tells Odin to express his opinion.
- 1866 February 14: Kenrick has asked at the Sacred Congregation to erect an Apostolic Vicariate for the territories of Idaho and Montana and has submitted names for the administrator.
- 1866 July 5: Kenrick will urge Rev. Melcher to allow Ursuline Sisters to establish a Community in New Orleans. Barren Seminary will move to Cape Girardeau next September. Suggest that Barrens be made a retreat for priests deprived of faculties.
- 1867 March 22: Two Sisters of Good Shepherd have permission to proceed to their House in New Orleans.
- 1867 March 26: Cannot recommend Rev. Lipowsky. Also has several doubts about a Mrs. Lavinia? Declined to give her a letter to the Bishop of Louisville.
- 1869 December 21: Has written to Cardinal Barnabo concerning Odin's request for a co-adjutor. Regrets that ill health forces Odin to do this.

From Kenrick in St Louis to Rev. Eitienne Rousselon in New Orleans

- 1843 January 6: Thanks him taking care of Bishop Rosati's business. Voices support for Blanc in his battle with Trustees.
- 1843 December 3: Kenrick has received word of Bishop Rosati's death at Rome. Has read of Blanc's troubles with Church Wardens. Sends respects to Blanc and Odin.
- 1845 April 13: No Summary Card
- 1846 December 17: No Summary Card
- 1849 January 9: Kenrick has received ordos for 1849. And 75 masses have been said. Rev. Cellini, oldest priest in Diocese, has died.
- 1852 January 7: Kenrick has received Ordos and with say Masses.
- 1852 August 14: Kenrick hopes he will send Ordos as usual. He is grateful to him.
- 1852 April 13: Sends 5 piastres to him to enroll himself and several others (names enclosed) in the Association of the Propagation of Faith.
- 1854 October 18: Kenrick has received Ordos. Has sent packages to St Paul, Dubuque and Chicago.
- 1855 December 4: Kenrick has received 120 Ordos.

05 Golden Jubilee

- 05.1 Programs December 1, 1891
- 05.2 Menu (bound gilded menu belonged to Rev. James Keegan)
- 05.3 Fifty Years a Bishop by Bertha May Ivory
- 05.4 News clippings of celebration
- 05.5 Van der Sanden's Petition to Pope Leo XIII (August 25, 1891) for Special Jubilee Mass
- 05.6 Invitations

06 Death

- 06.1 Obituary

06.2 News Clippings

07 Biographies

- 07.1 Fifty Years as a Bishop. Bertha H Ivory (also in Jubilee file)
- 07.2 Life of the Most Rev Peter Richard Kenrick Archbishop of St Louis. 1891 Jubilee Committee 5 copies: 3 in file, 2 on shelf)
- 07.3 Peter Richard Kenrick and Martin John Spalding: a Study of their Positions on Papal Infallibility. Sister Barbara Schlaud. Thesis, St Michael's College. 1979.
- 07.4 The Two Archbishops Kenricks. John O'Shea (on shelf)
- 07.5 "Unknown Kenrick Gardens." Bulletin of the Missouri Historical Society. July 1962. Peter J Rahill.
- 07.6 "Kenrick" reprint from New Catholic Encyclopedia. McGraw Hill
- 07.7 Various notes of Rev. Vander Sanden
- 07.8 Unidentified account of Kenrick handwritten and typed copies
- 07.9 Archbishop Kenrick and the Civil War. Sister Mary Emmanuel White. Thesis, St. Louis University. 1948
- 07.10 Last Years of His Grace Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis- handwritten account includes information on Cardinal Satolli, Apostolic Delegate
- 07.11 "First Years of Bishop Kenrick's Administration of St Louis Diocese" St Louis Catholic Historical Review. Volume 5. October 1923. Rev John Rothensteiner.
- 07.12 "Peter Richard Kenrick Bishop and Archbishop of St Louis 1806-1896" by S. J. Miller. Records of American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia. Volume 4, 1973.
- 07.13 "Peter Richard Kenrick: Nineteenth-Century Churchman" by James Hennesey, S.J.
- 07.14 Erzbischof Kenrick von Sankt Louis: In seinem Leben und Wirken (Archbishop Kenrick of Saint Louis: In his Life and Work) – 1891

08 Miscellaneous

- 08.1 Photos and Images
- 08.2 News clippings: 1855 July 25; 1871 January 4; Undated - on 81st birthday; Undated - On infallibility; 1886 August 15
- 08.3 Receipts and Invoices: 1844 June 30; 1854 August 3; 1866 May 19, May 30, July 13, August 3, September 6, September 19; 1889 July 11; 1890 June 20; 1893 June 21
- 08.4 Kenrick Legal Documents
 - 08.4a Murphy, Michael - copy of Will appoints Kenrick executor (1861 August 30)
 - 08.4b O'Brien, James – Will and bequeaths Kenrick his property (1872 November 16)
 - 08.4c Helias, Rev Ferdinand SJ Indenture; Gives acquisition and description of St Francis Xavier Church Property, Liberty Township, Cole County, Missouri (Included inventory) (1863 May 21)
 - 8.4d Survey Block 931 Lucas and Beaumont (1887 April 27)
- 08.5 Book: African Fetish Worship, given to Kenrick by African Missionaries 1885
- 08.6 Coat of Arms

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Appendix: Correspondence between Archbishop Kenrick and priests

Items will be found in the file of the individual priest. Most of these concern assignments or dispensations.

- Bax, Rev. Lawrence, 1876 February 23, St Louis
- Bax, Rev. Lawrence, 1876 February 26
- Bax, Rev. Lawrence, 1876 July 7: Financial problems with Kenrick
- Becker, Rev, 1875 July 8
- Blume, Rev Engelberg, 1873 June 22
- Brennan, Rev. John, 1866 January 26
- Chartrand. J, 1892 February 18: exit from St Louis, see Chartrand, Bishop
- Chartrand. J, 1892 February 16
- Crolly, W, 1848 January 25, Armagh Ireland: Information and exeat for Edward Hamil (see Hamil)
- Daly John, 1879 September 27, St Louis: Moving to Rochester; Asks Kenrick to send certificate of ordination
- Doherty, Francis, 1887 December 9,
- Doherty, Rev. James, 1871 December 5 Transferred to Annunciation
- Doherty, Rev. James, 1871 December, 18 wants information on Westport Mission, 1872 January 3 appointed Pastor at Annunciation
- Dunning, Rev. James, 1887 April 6
- Fitzsimmons, Thomas, 1890 May 14 (Seminarian)
- Gebhardt, Rev. Remigius, 1849 April, 18 Re: Adoption of Bavarian Seminarists
- Gerst, Rev. Caspar, 1881 April 26
- Graziani, Rev. Nazareno, 1878 November 6, Syracuse, NY: Letter of repentance for scandal given in St. Louis
- Hamil see Crolly
- Huettler, Rev. Augustine, 1887 August 24
- Hutchinson, William, 1889 December, 18 (Seminarist)
- June 11 Rev. Anselm will return as Pastor at Little Canada. Others appointed.
- Kock, Edward, 1869 May 9, Harburg
- Kueper, Frederick, 1885 January 21
- Lyons, John, 1887 October 24
- Melcher, Rev. Joseph, 1871 January 31, Green Bay: Warns Kenrick of a Msgr. Kristoffy who is on his way to St. Louis
- Smith, Rev. Thomas CM, 1891 December 18: See Seminary File RG 3 D 4.4

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- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1840 September 15 Explains situation at Ste Genevieve, does not know who will replace St. Cyr at Potosi
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1849 July 4 Rev. Cellini's godchild died of Cholera; Left money for Masses; sending some to St. Cyr; many others died.
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1849 September 5 Offers St. Cyr Pastorate at Ste. Genevieve
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1850 August 16 Sending Rev. Higgins newly ordained- has not completed studies, St. Cyr to help
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1850 July 22 Ask St. Cyr to be Secretary of Synod. Gives opinion as to what might be expected.
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1850 July 30 No one available as Assistant who speaks German and French- gives several possibilities
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1850 May 25 (Latin) Announce Diocesan Synod
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1850 September 2 Tells St. Cyr of appointment made to nearby missions
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1851 December 10 Sending Rev. Poyet as Assistant- Speaks French, German and English; will be able to help on Missions
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1851 January 9 Approval for retreat and jubilee plans
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1852 April 14 Has a priest available who speaks a little French and German. Can send him to Ste Genevieve on one of its Missions
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1852 April 21 About Rev. Saulnier and Rev. Poyet
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1852 May 5 Sending McGrogan to help St. Cyr
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1853 February Circular letter- Seminary Collection
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1853 May 29 Request information regarding pastor at Little Canada
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1859 July 24 Changing assistant at Ste Genevieve
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1861 April 29 Approval for Benediction and for enlargement of Church. Aware that St. Cyr needs an assistant
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1862 March 19 Sympathy for St. Cyr on losing his eyesight. Offers him Chaplaincy of Orphanage of Brothers or Sisters of St Joseph. Kenrick will take care of all his needs.
- St. Cyr, Rev. John, 1872 Office appointment as Chaplain at the Sisters of St Joseph Nazareth Convent

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