Bishop George J. Donnelly Papers, 1940-1950

Descriptive Summary
Creator: Bishop George J. Donnelly, Office of the Archbishop
Abstract: The Bishop George J. Donnelly Papers include personal papers, correspondence and biographical information by and about George Donnelly.
Extent: 2 folders
Language of Materials: English, Latin
Record Group Number: RG 02 D

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

1889 April 23  Born in Saint Louis, Missouri; Parents: Edward Donnelly and Mary Conners
1921 June 12   Ordained by Archbishop Glennon at Kenrick Seminary
1921 July       Assistant – Holy Guardian Angels, Saint Louis
1923 January    Assistant Chancellor
1925           Resident Secretary of Archbishop
1929           Chancellor of Archdiocese of Saint Louis
1940 March 19   Named Titular Bishop of Coela and Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Louis
1940 April 23   Consecrated Bishop
1940 July 29    Made Vicar General of Archdiocese of Saint Louis
1946 November  Named Bishop of Leavenworth, Kansas (in May 1947 See city was changed from Leavenworth to Kansas City, Kansas)
1950 December 13 Died in Kansas City, Kansas

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 two folders:

Folder Priest Personnel File, 1940-1950
(Record Number EXEC/02EXEC/5)
Includes correspondence, appointments, photographs, news clippings, memorabilia and documents related to Donnelly’s service in the archdiocese as priest and auxiliary bishop, his appointment to the Diocese of Leavenworth, and his death. An inventory of correspondence includes:

1940 October 22 Donnelly to Cody: regarding Saint Mary’s Bonds
1940 October 24 Donnelly to Glennon: regarding Saint Mary’s Bonds
1940 October 28 Donnelly to Cody: more on Saint Mary’s Bonds
1940 November 05 Donnelly to Cody: McBride Bonds
1941 March 13  Donnelly to Cody: Eucharistic Congress and Priests’ Retreats
1941 October 08 Donnelly to Glennon: procedure for selling property
1941 October 08  Donnelly to Glennon: financial matters at Seminary
1941 October 07  Glennon to Donnelly: selling of Seminary Property
1941 October 16  Glennon to Donnelly: receipt for Catholic University Student
1942 January 20  Donnelly to Glennon: Colonization Realty Company; Mother Moulon; Father O’Reilly; Mary Louise Anderson; and makes suggestions for some appointments
1942 February 01  Donnelly to Glennon: checks for Glennon’s signature
1942 February 28  Glennon to Donnelly: Seminary Windstorm Insurance
1942 February 19  Glennon to Donnelly: Seminary windstorm Insurance
1942 August 10  Donnelly to Glennon: report on liturgical practices of Sisters of Precious Blood at O’Fallon, Missouri
1942 October 30  Cody to Donnelly: notice of appointment as Vicar General
1942 October 31  Donnelly to Cody: acting as Vicar General
1943 February 28  Donnelly to Glennon: has received Saint Louis Bridge Stock
1943 March 25  Donnelly to Cody: reaction to extra collection
1943 April 05  Donnelly to Glennon: report on some rural parishes
1943 April 10  Donnelly to Glennon: accepting Maryknoll invitation to act as co-consecrator of Bishop Escalorte in Mexico City
1943 April 15  Donnelly to Glennon: congratulations on Post article
1943 October 11  Donnelly and others anniversary wishes
1943 October 13  Glennon to Donnelly: thanks for anniversary wishes
1943 November 19  Donnelly to Glennon: reasons opposing Christmas Midnight Mass
1943 December 10  Glennon to Donnelly: response to Midnight Mass opposition
1944 February 29  Donnelly to Reverend B. Wewer, OFM: directs him to take part in Conference of Priests
1944 March 10  To Clergy  Glennon’s Funeral Arrangements
1944 April 06  To Clergy  Prayer *De Spiritu Sancto*, to be said at Mass
1944 May 20  Clergy/Superiors/Institutions  Regarding publication of *Today’s World*
1944 July 23  To Religious Teachers  Parish School Survey
1944 July 25  To Pastors  Parish School Survey
1944 August 07  To Religious Teachers  Questionnaire of School Survey being sent
1944 September 10  Bishop’s War Relief Collection
1944 September 27  To Clery/Religious/Laity  Enthronement of Archbishop Ritter

**Folder Pastoral and Circular Letters, 1946**  
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**Administrative Information**

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