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**Social Ministry Department
Subject Files, 1971-1992
AS 103**

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Administrative Note

The Department of Social Ministry has been restructured on multiple occasions. Originally, the Office for Human Concerns was established to assist the Catholic community in their efforts to implement the call of the Gospel and the tradition of the Church regarding the application of “love of Neighbor” to the need to form a more just and human world. It provided staff for the Social Justice Commission, Campaign for Human Development, Committee on Corporate Responsibility, Human Concern Committees of Parish Councils and the Catholic Rural Life Conference. In 1983 the office was renamed the Department of Social Ministry, and throughout the years it also included the Respect Life/Pro Life Efforts, Office for Integration, Office of Health Care, Catholic Social Services, Justice and Peace Office, Parish Human Concerns, Residential Programs for Developmentally Disabled, Natural Family Planning, and Catholic Relief Services. In 1989 these offices were restructured, along with a few others, into the newly formed Department of Community Services.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This collection consists mainly of the subject files of Ron White and Rev. Gene Pocernich. These files reflect the work they did for the various offices and groups with which they were involved. Rev. Pocernich was mainly responsible for the Human Concerns office, Justice and Peace, Campaign for Human Development, Committee on Corporate Responsibility, and Catholic Relief Services. Ron White worked primarily with the Office for Justice and Peace, Campaign for Human Development, Legislative Advocacy, and the Chaplain Advisory Board. Also included are some files from Rev. Pat Flood, who was involved in the Rural Life Conference and the Human Development Committee in the 1970s.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. “B” is an abbreviation for box and “F” is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

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| B 1 | F 11 | Central City Project, Council Meeting Minutes, 1986 |
| B 1 | F 12 | Central City Project, Food & Clothing Survey, n.d. |
| B 1 | F 13 | Central City Project, 1983 |
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| B 1 | F 15-16 | Congregations United for Community Action (CUFCA), 1978-1984 |
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| B 1 | F 18 | Council on Urban Life (CUL), 1976-1978 |
| B 1 | F 19 | Criminal Justice Task Force, 1980-1983 |
| B 1 | F 20-23 | Department Notes and Minutes, 1983-1986 |
| B 1 | F 24 | District 13 Correspondence, 1983-1988 |
| B 1 | F 25 | Economic Pastoral Letter, Correspondence and Articles, 1984-1985 |
| B 1 | F 26 | Economic Pastoral Letter, Drafts and Responses, 1984-1985 |
| B 1 | F 27 | Economic Pastoral Letter, First Draft Resource book, 1985 |
| B 1 | F 28 | Ecumenical Center for Draft Counseling, 1980-1981 |
| B 1 | F 29 | Elderly Ministry Task Force, Report of, 1980 |
| B 1 | F 30 | Energy Task Force, Report, 1982 |
| B 2 | F 1 | Fair Housing Council, 1977-1979 |
| B 2 | F 2 | Gamaliel Chair, UWM Peace Center, 1979-1982 |
| B 2 | F 3-4 | Greater Milwaukee Conference on Religious and Urban Affairs (GMCRUA), 1977-1985 |
| B 2 | F 5 | Greater Milwaukee Conference on Religious and Urban Affairs (GMCRUA), Public Issues Committee, 1979-1981 |
| B 2 | F 6 | Hispanic Apostolate, 1973-1980 |
| B 2 | F 7 | Human Concerns, "Justice in the World" Conference, 1980-1982 |
| B 2 | F 8-11 | Human Concerns, Office for, Correspondence, 1981-1983 |
| B 2 | F 12 | Human Concerns Commission, 1979-1980 |
| B 2 | F 13 | Human Development Committee, 1971 |
| B 2 | F 14 | Human Development Committee, Funds, 1971 |
| B 2 | F 15 | Human Development Committee, Press Releases, 1971 |
| B 2 | F 16 | Human Rights Network, 1981-1983 |
| B 2 | F 17 | Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, 1979-1982 |
| B 2 | F 18 | Interfaith Program for the Elderly, 1981-1982 |
| B 2 | F 19 | Interfaith Program for the Elderly, Board Meeting Minutes, 1977-1983 |
| B 2 | F 20 | Inter-office Planning, 1976-1980 |
| B 2 | F 21 | Interim Policy for Church Involvement in Electoral Politics, Responses, 1981 |
| B 2 | F 22 | Justice and Peace Center, 1974-1979 |
| B 2 | F 23 | Justice and Peace Education Program, 1972-1974 |
| B 2 | F 24-30 | Justice and Peace, Office for, Correspondence, 1983-1985 |
| B 3 | F 1 | Justice Education Network, 1978-1981 |
| B 3 | F 2 | Legislative Review Committee, 1980-1982 |
| B 3 | F 3 | Milwaukee Alliance of Concerned Citizens (MACC), 1974-1977 |
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