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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Milwaukee Particular Council Records, 1918-1969
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Historical Note

The Society of St Vincent de Paul was established in Milwaukee in 1913 and grew significantly both in the city and throughout the Archdiocese. The Society's mission involves providing food, clothing, and housing to the poor and employing case workers assigned to various families and individuals. It has also been involved in important initiatives such as immigrant resettlement and improvement of race relations. The Particular Council was formed after several parish-based SVDP Conferences were established and was responsible for oversight of various Society projects and efforts, maintaining communications with Society employees at the Milwaukee Central Office and with the Superior Office in New York.

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

This collection consists of correspondence running from 1918-1958 and is mostly between the Particular Council and the Milwaukee Central Office as well as the Superior Office. The local matters pertain to organization, notices of donations and parish-level developments which the Society is grappling with. The national matters have a special focus on organization, especially important as SVDP expanded and looked to the Superior Office for guidance. The period from 1950-53 has important material on the history of Hispanic and Latino immigration as it includes letters regarding resettlement and creating a special office for immigrants. This period may also be of interest to those interested in the history of the Red Scare and anti-Communist sentiment as it contains criticism of Communism and socialism.

This collection also contains minutes from different Society meetings and annual reports. The reports cover the Society's finances as well as important matters at hand in Milwaukee and within the Society.

This collection contains press clippings from the Catholic Herald Citizen reporting on the Society's activities in Milwaukee including establishing a summer camp for talking about and improving upon race relations.

There are also some miscellaneous documents including flyers and histories of the Society.

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