



The following is the finding aid for the Leopoldine Society collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted.

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**Leopoldine Society
Reports, 1829-1867
MC 20**

Volume
2 cubic ft.

Access
Open/unrestricted

Administrative Note

The Leopoldine Society was established on May 13, 1829 in Vienna. Its purpose was to pray for and send alms for missions in North America. Principal beneficiaries were the dioceses of the United States. The bishops were to distribute the alms where most needed.

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

The reports generally consist of letters mainly sent by bishops in the United States to Vienna. Information in the reports refers to the material and spiritual conditions of the Catholic Church in the U.S. Statistics are scattered throughout the reports which also contain comments on the social, economic and political climate of the time. They reflect on Catholic life, organizations, growth, needs, problems, and activities in religious, educational and charitable spheres.

The reports are nationwide in their coverage. Activities in Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota make up most of the reports. The collection also includes letters from missionaries as well as interesting reports regarding Civil War experiences. The collection consists of English translations from original German documents. The whereabouts of the source documents is unknown.

General Note

Related collection, MC 17 - Ludwigs-Missionverein. Correspondence, 1844-1914.

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Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged chronological by berichte (report) number; most reports contain a table of contents, an introductory essay and an index. "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.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 1-2	Berichte 1, 1829 (Revised by B. Blied)
B 1	F 3	Berichte 2-5, 1831-1832
B 1	F 4	Berichte 6-8, 1833-1835
B 1	F 5	Berichte 9, 1836

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B 1	F 6	Berichte 10, 1837
B 1	F 7	Berichte 11, 1838
B 1	F 8	Berichte 12, 1839
B 2	F 1	Berichte 13, 1840 (Corrected)
B 2	F 2	Berichte 14, 1841
B 2	F 3	Berichte 14-15, 1841-1842
B 2	F 4	Berichte 14-15, 1841-1842
B 2	F 5	Berichte 15, 1842
B 2	F 6	Berichte 16, 17, 18 (Index)
B 2	F 7	Berichte 16, 1843
B 2	F 8	Berichte 17, 1844
B 2	F 9	Berichte 18, 1845
B 2	F 10	Berichte 19, 1846
B 3	F 1	Berichte 19, 1846
B 3	F 2	Berichte 20, 1846-1847
B 3	F 3	Berichte 20, 1846-1847
B 3	F 4	Berichte 21, 1848-1849
B 3	F 5	Berichte 22, 1850
B 3	F 6	Berichte 23, 1851
B 3	F 7	Berichte 24, 1852
B 3	F 8	Berichte 25, 1853
B 3	F 9	Berichte 25, 1853
B 4	F 1	Berichte 26, 1854
B 4	F 2	Berichte 27, 1855
B 4	F 3	Berichte 28-29, 1856-1857
B 4	F 4	Berichte 28-29, 1856-1857
B 4	F 5	Berichte 30, 1858-1860
B 4	F 6	Berichte 31, 1861
B 4	F 7	Berichte 32, 1862
B 5	F 1	Berichte 33, 1863
B 5	F 2	Berichte 34, 1864
B 5	F 3	Berichte 35, 1865
B 5	F 4	Berichte 36, 1866
B 5	F 5	Berichte 37, 1867
B 5	F 6	Berichte 38, 1868
B 5	F 7	Unidentified Material