



Aloisius J. Muench, 1889-1962
Papers, 1919-1980; bulk dates 1935-1962
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The following is the finding aid for the Bishop Aloisius J. Muench 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. [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

Volume

2.95 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted.

Biographical Note

Aloisius J. Muench was born in Milwaukee on February 18, 1889. He began studying for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary in 1904 and was ordained on June 8, 1913. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin, earning a master's degree in economics. To further his education he studied abroad in Switzerland. Upon his return to the U.S. in 1922 he was appointed professor at St. Francis Seminary and became the eighth rector of the seminary in 1929. While in Milwaukee, he served as Spiritual Director to: the Missionary Association of Catholic Women, the Holy Childhood Society, and the Apostolate of Suffering. On October 15, 1935 he was consecrated as Bishop of Fargo. After World War II, in 1946, Muench was appointed Apostolic Visitor to Germany to evaluate the needs of each German diocese during post war reconstruction. In 1951, he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Germany. Archbishop Muench was named a cardinal and elevated to the Roman Curia on December 14, 1959 by Pope John XXIII. He remained in Rome until his death on February 15, 1962.

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

This collection contains: biographical information, materials from his consecration and installation as Bishop of Fargo, correspondence, funeral materials, newspaper clippings, and silver jubilee of episcopal consecration materials. Accession #95 10 12 contains biographical articles, materials from consecration as Bishop of Fargo, elevation to Cardinal, and silver jubilees of episcopal consecration and ordination to priesthood. It also includes personal correspondence, photographs, news clippings, and holy cards. Boxes 2-3 contain artifacts which include banners, medals, a biretta, zucchetos, and a chalice.

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.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 2-3		Artifacts
B 1	F 1	Biographical Information
B 4	F 1-2	Biographical, published articles, 1960-1969
B 4	F 3	Christmas Cards, n.d.
B 2	F 2	Consecration, 1935
B 4	F 4	Consecration, Bishop of Fargo, 1935

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 4	F 5	Correspondence, 1919, 1950-1963
B 1	F 3	Correspondence, 1935-1960
B 4	F 6	Elevation to Cardinal, 1959-1960
B 1	F 4	Funeral, 1962
B 4	F 7	Holy cards, 1913-1962
B 1	F 5	Installation as Bishop of Fargo, 1935
B 4	F 8	Lenten Pastorals, 1955-1959
B 1	F 6	Miscellaneous, n.d., 1938-1960
B 1	F 7	Newspaper Clippings, 1935-1980
B 5	F 1	Newspaper clippings, 1936-1969
B 6	F 1-3	Photographs, n.d.
B 6	F 4	Photographs, family, n.d.
B 6	F 5	Photographs, Marquette University honorary degree, 1951
B 6	F 6	Photographs, Rome, n.d.
B 5	F 2	Photographs, portraits, n.d.
B 6	F 7	Seminary, class notes, n.d.
B 6	F 8-9	Seminary, composition books, n.d.
B 1	F 8	Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Consecration, 1960
B 6	F 10	Silver Jubilee, episcopal consecration, 1960
B 6	F 11	Silver Jubilee, ordination to priesthood, 1938
B 6	F 12	University of Notre Dame, commencement speech, 1961