



Edmund Goebel, 1896-1973
Papers, 1916-1973
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The following is the finding aid for the Msgr. Edmund Goebel 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

1.7 cubic feet

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Biographical Note

Msgr. Edmund Goebel was born in Caledonia, WI and studied for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1924 by Archbishop Sebastian Messmer. His first and only parish assignment was at St. Mary parish in Janesville, WI. He was assigned as a professor to Pio Nono College in 1925, and in 1929 was appointed president of Messmer High School. He earned his doctorate in education from Catholic University of America in Washington DC in 1937, and the following year he was named Superintendent of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a position he held for 34 years until his retirement in 1971. As Superintendent he established the first board of education in 1965 and the instructional television system in 1967. He authored 14 textbooks on Church history in the United States, American history, civics and religion, as well as serving as editor-in-chief of a Baltimore catechism. He also lectured at Marquette University, Alverno College, and Cardinal Stritch College. Although he is best known for his contributions to education, Msgr. Goebel also served as the director of hospitals and organized the Sodality Union of the Milwaukee Archdiocese. He died June 8, 1973 of heart failure at his home in Pewaukee Lake at the age of 77. He is buried in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Caledonia, WI.

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

This collection consists primarily of scrapbooks of newspaper articles mainly about Msgr. Goebel, but also relate to hospitals and education. Also included is a great deal of biographical information, some photographs, as well as a copy of his St. Francis Seminary thesis.

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 1	F 1	Biographical Information, 1931-1973
B 1	F 2	Photographs, 1958-1970, n.d.
B 3		Plaques, 1961-1962
B 1	F 3	Report on my Study Visit to the USA from Feb 19 to May 18, 1949," by Rev. Bernhard Stasiewski, 1949
B 1	F 4	News Clippings, 1930-1972, n.d.
B 1	F 5	Notebook, 1916-1923

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B 1	F 6	Scrapbook, Awards/Honors/Degrees, 1954-1971
B 3		Scrapbook, "Publicity for the 35 th Annual Convention National Catholic Educational Association, April 20-22, 1938
B 1	F 7-9	Scrapbook, News Articles, "Hospital Director" 1946-1961
B 1	F 10	Scrapbook, News Articles, 1948-1954
B 2	F 1	Scrapbook, News Articles, 1948-1954 (preservation copy)
B 2	F 2-4	Scrapbook, News Articles, 1949-1954
B 3		Scrapbook, News Articles, 1952-1959
B 2	F 5-6	Scrapbook, News Articles, "Priest and Educator", 1955-1962
B 3	F 1	Scrapbook, News Articles, "Priest and Educator", 1955-1962 (preservation copy)
B 3	F 2	Thesis, "Baltimore Councils and Catholic Education, 1791-1884", 1923