



The following is the finding aid for the Rev. Albin F. Sowinski 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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Albin F. Sowinski, 1926-2007
Papers, 1951-2001
MC 202

Volume

1.25 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted

Biographical Note

Rev. Albin Francis Sowinski was born November 22, 1926 in Milwaukee, WI. He attended St. Stanislaus and Notre Dame High Schools before entering St. Francis Minor Seminary in 1943, and completed his studies in 1951 at St. Francis Major Seminary. He was ordained on May 26, 1951 by Most Rev. Moses Kiley at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee.

Rev. Sowinski served his entire career at ethnically Polish parishes. On June 27, 1951, he was appointed an assistant at St. Vincent de Paul parish in Milwaukee. He later was appointed an assistant at St. Casimir Parish, Kenosha on December 12, 1967, and then as an assistant at St. Helen Parish, Milwaukee, on June 18, 1968. On May 6, 1969 he was appointed a member of the pastoral team serving St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Milwaukee. On July 2, 1974 he was appointed the pastor of St. Helen, Milwaukee, where he served for 22 years until his retirement on November 29, 1996. Rev. Sowinski died December 17, 2007 at the age of 81.

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

Papers include the certificate, photographs and prayer from when Rev. Albin Sowinski gave the opening prayer for the US House of Representatives in 1984. Also included is a photograph of when Rev. Sowinski met Pope John Paul II, an article regarding the Polish trivia game he invented, his class picture from St. Francis Seminary in 1951, and his Vatican II Award.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders are listed 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 3	Article, Polish trivia game
B 1	F 4	Class picture, 1951
B 1	F 1	Prayer for the US House of Representatives, 1984
B 1	F 2	Photograph, Pope John Paul II
B 2		Vatican II Award, 2001