

Adelbert Roche fonds, F 7

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Fonds: Roche family fonds

Reference code: F 7

Dates of creation: 1940-1969

Physical description:

1 centimetre of textual records

18 photographs : black and white prints

4 photographs : black and white postcards

1 audio reel (ca. 1 hr.)

4 recordings (1.8 GB) : (mp4)

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records created and accumulated by Roche family members from Iona, Prince Edward Island. The records predominantly document life at Saint Dunstan's University (SDU) between 1940 and 1969.

Textual records include SDU event programs, newspaper clippings, and a speech.

Photographs include SDU class group photographs, images of the SDU campus, as well as images of Father W. McGuigan, Maurice Smith, Jack Trainor, female SDU graduates in 1953, as well as images of the 1961 Honorary Degree recipients Judge A.E. Arsenault, Arthur Maloney, and Rt. Reverend G.J. McLellan.

Postcards feature images of SDU group class photographs.

Sound and moving image records include an audio recording of the first Hootenanny mass at Saint Dunstan's University. Also included is black and white and color footage of the SDU campus, students, sports, convocations, and events filmed in the early 1950s.

Biographical sketch:

Michael Joseph Roche (1891-1983) and Catherine Emma Mooney (1896-1994) lived in Iona, Prince Edward Island. They had twelve children: Edmund (1919-1994); Mary Ellen (1921-2014); Emmett (1923-1981); Ivan (1925-1996); Clarence (1927-1981); Anita (1932-); Lucille (1935-2022); Charles (1934-2022); Adelbert (1938-); Louis; Sister Teresa; and Margaret.

Of their twelve children, five sons attended Saint Dunstan's University (SDU).

Reverend Edmund Joseph was a graduate of the SDU class of 1941. He studied Theology for four years at Holy Heart Seminary in Halifax and was ordained in 1945 by Most Reverend James Boyle, Bishop of Charlottetown. He did postgraduate work at Notre Dame University in Indiana. Reverend Edmund was also a Parish Priest and Professor of Mathematics and Religion at SDU. At SDU, he has held the positions of

Dean of Studies and Registrar. He also served as the General Secretary of the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops, the only priest from Prince Edward Island to serve in that capacity. In 1997, the Cass Science Hall building was rededicated to Father Cass, and the floors of the building were named in honor of the priests who pioneered the study of science at St. Dunstan's University, which included Reverend Edmund Roche.

Reverend Clarence Roche was a graduate of the SDU class of 1949 and was ordained in May of 1953. He was a Parish Priest who was murdered in his parish rectory in Kelly's Cross, PEI, in 1981.

Emmett was a graduate of the SDU class of 1953, Charles the SDU class of 1955, and Adelbert the SDU class of 1958.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

The records were donated by Adelbert Roche via UPEI's Advancement Services in 2001.

Custodial History:

Not known.

Associated Material:

- The MacDonald-Reid Debating Trophy (Reference code: C 7-3), established in 1984, was done in recognition of the debating excellence of J. Allan MacDonald (Class of 1954) and Walter Reid (Class of 1952). The first St. Dunstan's University students to win the Dominion of Canada debating championship in 1952.

Related Material:

n/a

Accruals:

Further accruals are not expected.

Former codes:

UASC2001-002

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Notes:

The recording's original format was 16 mm motion picture film.

Authority Record:

Roche (family)

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