

Nina Polcyn Moore papers, 1943-1995.

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Title: Nina Polcyn Moore papers, 1943-1995, bulk 1945-1967

Main entry: Moore, Nina Polcyn

Inclusive dates: 1943-1995, bulk 1945-1967

Size:

0.5 linear feet (1 box)

Access: This collection is open for research use.

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This descriptive inventory contains the following sections:

Biographical note,
Summary description of the collection,
Description of some material related to the collection,
List of online catalog headings about the collection,
List of contents of the collection.

Biographical note:

Nina Polcyn Moore was the manager and owner of St. Benet's Book Shop at Wabash and Congress Streets in Chicago (Ill.) from 1943 to 1973 and was associate director of the Sheil School of Social Studies from 1942 to 1953. She was also a social activist and leader of the National Association of Laymen and the Chicago Conference on Laity from 1967 to 1968.

Summary description of the collection:

Correspondence, programs, announcements, memos, and other papers relating to Chicagoan Nina Polcyn Moore's work with liberal Catholic causes, including publications, programs, and teaching materials from the Catholic Youth Organization's Sheil School of Social Studies; eulogies and funeral sermons for leaders of Chicago's Catholic community; papers on the founding of the Chicago Conference of Laymen; agendas, correspondence and publications of the National

Association of Laymen; and clippings regarding Moore's activities, Chicago Catholic personalities, and the activist laymen's movement.

Description of some material related to the collection:

Related materials at Chicago History Museum, Research Center include some Moore correspondence in the Friendship House records.

List of online catalog headings for this collection:

The following headings for this collection were placed in the online catalog:

Moore, Nina Polcyn--Archives.

Sheil School of Social Studies (Chicago, Ill.)

Sheil, Bernard J. (Bernard James), 1888-1969

Catholic Church--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Catholic Youth Organization of the Archdiocese of Chicago

National Association of Laymen

Catholics--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Laity--Catholic Church--20th century.

Volunteer workers in Christian education--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Women volunteers in social service--Illinois--Chicago--20th century.

Chicago (Ill.)--Race relations--20th century.

Chicago (Ill.)--Religious life and customs--20th century.

Form/genre:

Announcements.

Correspondence.

News clippings.

Newsletters.

Obituaries.

Programs (documents)

Added entries:

Catholic Youth Organization of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Chicago Conference of Laymen.

National Association of Laymen

Sheil School of Social Studies (Chicago, Ill.)

United States--Illinois--Cook County--Chicago.

List of contents of the collection:

Box 1

Folders:

- 1 Sheil School of Social Studies: courses and lectures
- 2 Sheil School of Social Studies: "Educational Department Bulletin"
- 3 Sheil School of Social Studies: Notes for mass
- 4 Sheil School of Social Studies: course guides, "Call to Action"
- 5 Sheil School of Social Studies: commencement, 1945
- 6 "If I Were a Negro," Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, 1943
- 7 National Conference of Laymen, 1967-1968
- 8 Chicago Conference of Laymen, 1967-1968
- 9 Newsclippings, 1967

- 10 Newsclippings, 1967-1994
- 11 Obituaries and eulogies
- 12 Publications and advertisements