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Holy Cross Church and School
(The Church of the Holy Cross)

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History

The Church of the Holy Cross was incorporated on April 17, 1891 as a Catholic church for Polish-speaking Trenton residents. A school was formed soon thereafter, with the teaching/administrative services of the Felician Sisters. Holy Cross is located at 201 Adeline Street in the city of Trenton. The school at 22 Grand Street closed in 2004.

Scope and Content Notes

The Collection consists of commemorative books and a yearbook, as well as a small amount of ephemera. The Collection is divided into three series: I. Ephemera; II. Church and School Commemorative Booklets/Programs and Cards; III. Church Commemorative Books; and IV. School Commemorative Books.

Series Description

Series I. Ephemera

The first series includes two pamphlets for dances entitled "Welcome Back" Dance and "Paul Jones" Dance, both from September of 1940, sponsored by The Young Ladies' Sodality of the Holy Cross Church with the music provided by the orchestra of Bill Nawrocik's "Jersey Musicales." Also, in this series is a tuition voucher for student Guadalupe Perez from 2003 and a letter requesting a school bus stop change regarding the same student.

Series II. Church and School Commemorative Booklets/Programs and Cards

The second series consists of two commemorative booklets from the 1991 Centennial Anniversary of the church: one for a Solemn Liturgy of Thanksgiving and the other for the Centennial Banquet (held at Princeton Forrestal Village in Princeton, N.J.), both dated October 13, 1991. Also included are two cards commemorating the Centennial. All feature a color photograph of the church. The school commemorative booklets are for the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving and Centennial Dinner (held at Angeloni's Cedar Gardens in Hamilton, N.J.), both on April 21, 2002.

Series III. Church Commemorative Books

The third series consists of books celebrating milestones of the church. There are two copies of each volume. The first, *Pamiętnik złotego jubileuszu Parafii Świętego Krzyża, Trenton, N.J.* (Golden Jubilee - Holy Cross Parish), 1941, features both Polish and English text, as well as black-and-white photographs of clergy, students, altar boys, organizations, Sisters, and the church. A "Yearbook" of 1943 features black-and-white photographs of men and women of the parish who were serving in the armed forces. The text is primarily in English with some in Polish. It is illustrated with a few photographs, one of the school class of 1943 and one of the Soldiers' Correspondence Club. A 1967 book commemorates the church's Diamond Jubilee. Its text is in Polish and English, and is illustrated with black-and-white and color photographs of clergy, the Sisters, the church, school students, and various organizations and events. A book of 1991 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Holy Cross. The text is mainly in English with one section in Polish, and is illustrated primarily with black-and-white photographs. These feature clergy, the church, organizations, students, Sisters, and parishioners.

Series IV. School Commemorative Books

The fourth series consists of one yearbook, dated 1976, commemorating the school's history from 1901 to 1976, and one book celebrating milestones of the school, dated 2001, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the school. There are two copies of each. The first, *Holy Cross School, Trenton, New Jersey, 1901-1976*, features an essay, "75 Years of Labor and Love," as well as black-and-white and color photographs of clergy, Sisters, lay faculty, staff, and students, including class pictures going back to 1924. Donors and "In Loving Memory" lists appear in the back. The second, *Holy Cross School, Trenton, New Jersey, 1901-2001*, features a history of the school, as well as numerous black-and-white and color photographs of clergy, Sisters, lay faculty, staff, and students, including class pictures going back to 1924. A list of donors appears in the back.

Container List

Box / Folder / Folder Title

1 / 1 / Ephemera

1 / 2 / Church and School Commemorative Booklets/Programs and Cards

1 / *Pamiętnik złotego jubileuszu Parafii Świętego Krzyża...* [2 copies]

2 / Church Commemorative Books [2 copies of each]

School Commemorative Books [2 copies of each]