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Record Group: 11.2, Records of Jamaica Mission / Region, Special Collections

Series Name: Rev. John J. Carroll, S.J. (1923-1990) Papers

Dates of Collection: 1950s-1990

Size of Collection: .5 linear feet: 1-5" boxes

Biographical Sketch:

John J.(Joseph) Carroll was born on February 17, 1923, the son of John J. and Catherine (Lucey) Carroll, in Portsmouth, NH. He graduated from Portsmouth High School in 1941 and matriculated at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. After his freshman year at Georgetown, he entered the Society of Jesus on September 21, 1942 at Shadowbrook in Lenox, MA where he completed his novitiate and Juniorate. From 1946 to 1949 he studied philosophy at Weston College, Weston, MA. For his regency, he taught history at St. George's College, a secondary school, in Kingston, Jamaica, W.I. from 1949-1952. Then, he returned to Weston College to study theology from 1952-1956, and he was ordained to the priesthood there on June 18, 1955. His theology studies were followed by tertianship at St. Beuno's in Wales, UK. From 1957-1959, he studied history at the University of Toronto, Canada, and received a Master's Degree. Then he began a career in education and pastoral ministry.

From 1959-1960, he taught history at St. George's College, Jamaica, W.I. and from 1960-1964, he was the Dean of the Extension School at St. George's College. Then, he returned to the United States, teaching history at Fairfield Prep School, Fairfield, CT in 1964 and then, from 1964-1966 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. He returned to his own education in 1966, studying history at Queen Mary College, University of London in England until 1970. He spent three years preparing his dissertation: 1970-1971 at St. George's College in Jamaica, 1971-1972 at Immaculate Conception Church in Boston, MA, and 1972-1973 at the University of London, UK. He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of London in 1973. His dissertation was titled "The Government of Jamaica, 1900-1913, with Special Reference to the Role of Sir Sydney Olivier."

From 1973-1976, he lived at the Immaculate Conception Church, Boston, while he assisted in the local apostolate. Then from 1976-1983, he moved to St. John's Parish, Canton, MA, serving as assistant pastor. He returned to teaching history in 1983 in Africa, first from 1983-1985 at St. Paul's Seminary, Monrovia, Liberia, and then from 1985-1990 at the Kachebere Seminary, Malawi, where he was also vice-rector from 1987-1989.

He died on April 9, 1990 at the hospital in Likuni, Malawi, after a brief illness. He was 67 years old. He is buried in the Likuni Mission Cemetery.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of one 5-inch box of papers and one folder of photographs. It includes biographical and personal papers, correspondence, research notes for an a bound copy of his 1972 doctoral dissertation: "The Government of Jamaica, 1900-1913, with Special Reference to the Role of Sir Sydney Oliver," and some other writings. Note: there is an unbound photocopy of the dissertation in the New England Province Theses and Dissertations Collection. The photographs are personal portraits.

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Access / Restrictions: This collection is open to researchers.

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