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### RG 11.1 Missions Offices Records, Series: Publications Files

New England Jesuit Province Archives

New England Province of the Society of Jesus

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## New England Jesuit Archives Series Description



<b>Record Group:</b>	<b>11.1 Missions Offices Records</b>
<b>Series:</b>	<b>Publications Files</b>
<b>Record Group Number:</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Dates of Collection:</b>	<b>1966-1983</b>
<b>Size of Collection:</b>	<b>6-5" boxes = 3.0 linear feet</b>

### **Historical Background:**

The Missions Offices have produced a number of publications over the years. These include: *Jesuit Missions*, *Jesuit Seminary News*, *New England Jesuit*, *Al Baghdadi*, *The Jesuit – New England Edition* and other newsletters, such as, *Jamaica Jottings*, *Jesuit Mission Bureau of New England Newsletter* and *Around the World with Jesuit Missionaries*. The Missions Office records related to publication of the *Al Baghdadi* and *The Jesuit – New England Edition* are included in this series. If the Archives receives any records related to other publications they will be added to this series. Issues of the publications are stored elsewhere, most often in RG 14 Publications or with the collection of the corresponding work or individual.

The *Al Baghdadi* was a newsletter about the Iraq Mission published irregularly from 1932 until 1966. The first issues were printed on shipboard while on route to Iraq. Later, material for the *Al Baghdadi* was sent to Boston and the newsletter was printed and distributed from Massachusetts.

*The Jesuit* follows *Jesuit Missions* magazine and the *Jesuit Seminary News* magazine. It was published as a cooperative venture of the Maryland, New Orleans, New York, Oregon, California, New England, Wisconsin, Chicago, and Detroit Provinces. Each Province had a regional page spread in each issue. The New England Edition was published from 1968 to 1983.

In November 1968, the New England Province loaned Fr. Clement Armitage to New York to take over editorship of *The Jesuit*. Each province retained a regional editor for its edition of *The Jesuit*. The editors for the New England Province were: Fr. Francis Anderson, 1968-1972; Fr. John Banks, 1973; Fr. Simon E. Smith, 1974-1975; Fr. Joseph O'Connor, 1976-1980; and Fr. Martin P. MacDonnell, 1980-1981. In 1980 the Jesuit Conference Board commissioned Fr. Donald R. Campion to identify "possible areas of unanswered need for communication internally as well as with outside publics" and his study included *The Jesuit*. The conclusion reached from the study revealed a national publication was needed rather than one more regionally based. *Company* magazine, which began publication in 1983, is the informal successor of *The Jesuit*.

### **Scope and Content:**

This series contains the records of the Boston Missions Offices for the publication of the *Al Baghdadi* and *The Jesuit* magazine. It is divided into two sub-series, one for each publication. See more detailed information in each sub-series description.

**See:** RG 11.2 Iraq Mission Records > *Al Baghdadi* for published issues of the newsletter.

RG 14 Publications > Serials for published issues of *The Jesuit*, *Jesuit Missions*, *Jesuit Seminary News* and *Company* magazine.

## New England Jesuit Archives Sub-Series Description



<b>Record Group:</b>	<b>11.1 Missions Offices Records</b>
<b>Series:</b>	<b>Publications Files</b>
<b>Sub-Series:</b>	<b><i>Al-Baghdadi</i> Newsletters Files</b>
<b>Dates of Collection:</b>	<b>1932-1966</b>
<b>Size of Collection:</b>	<b>2-5” boxes = 1 linear feet</b>

### **Historical Background:**

In February, 1932 two Jesuit priests were en route to Baghdad, Iraq to set up a high school. On board their ship, they composed and mimeographed one hundred fifty copies of a two page newsletter which was mailed back home to America when they landed. Two weeks later in Beirut, Syria [now Lebanon] a second, four pages long, issue was mailed. By 1936, this periodic newsletter, *Al-Baghdadi*, had a circulation of over four thousand.

“These men were deadly serious about what they were doing” in Iraq, Rev. Edward Madaras wrote, yet in their newsletter they “did not allow that seriousness to interfere with their sense of humor.” Pen and ink illustrations accompany the articles and the artist used broad caricatures, “the bulbous nose, the receding chin, the storm-tossed hair, the capacious paunch” to poke fun at himself and his fellow Jesuits in Baghdad.

This periodic newsletter was described as “a fitful, desultory journal published by the American Jesuits at Baghdad College as mood and circumstance permit, its purpose being to keep friends and the world in general informed as to our hopes, plans, aspirations, and achievements, and thus to promote and sustain interest in the project entrusted to us by Pius XI.” Soon after *Al-Baghdadi* began, subscribers wrote to the Jesuits in Iraq saying “they felt that they knew the Fathers personally, even though they had never met them.”

—Information from *Al-Baghdadi: Tales Told by the Tigris* by Edward F. Madaras, SJ, This book collected issues #1 through #17, 1932 until 1936 into one volume with a preface by Fr. Madaras, one of the first Jesuits in Iraq.

### **Scope and Content:**

The collection contains some original pen and ink illustrations, copies to the printer, correspondence, and the source letters from Iraq used in the construction of the newsletter in its later years.

**See:** RG 11.2 Iraq Mission Records > Al Baghdadi for the 111 issues of *Al Baghdadi* published from 1932 until 1966.

**Also see:** RG 11.1 Missions Office Records, NEJFM Iraq, Places, Baghdad College Series for additional correspondence that may have been used as source material.

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**Record Group 11.1, Missions Offices Records**

**Office Files > Publications Files >**

***Al Baghdadi***

**2-5" boxes**

**1932-1966**

<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Vol. 1, Nos. 1-6, Feb.-Aug. 1932, Typed Copies	1932	1 <sup>st</sup> -5" box	1
Issues Nos. 28, 29, Typed Copies with original cartoons and correspondence	1939-1940	1	2
Original Cartoons (pen and ink drawings)	1936	1	3
Original Cartoons (pen and ink drawings) for issues nos. 24 and 27	1938-1939	1	4
Original Cartoons (pen and ink drawings) for printer, Issues Nos. 82-89	1950s	1	5
Cartoons for Issue No. 111, Spring 1966	1966	1	6
Original Cartoons (pen and ink drawings)	n.d.	1	7
Miscellaneous Material	1940s	1	8
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 82, Dec. 1953	1953	1	9
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 83, March 1954	1954	1	10
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 84, June 1954	1954	1	11
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 85, Sept. 1954	1954	1	12
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 86, December 1954	1954	1	13
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 87, March 1955	1955	1	14
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 88, June 1955	1955	1	15
Mock up of Issue No. 88, June 1955	1955	1	16
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 89, March 1956	1956	1	17
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 109, Summer 1965	1965	1	18
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 110, Fall 1965	1965	1	19
Copy for Printer, Issue No. 111, Spring 1966	1966	1	20
Mock Up of Issue No. 111, Spring 1966	1966	1	21
Letters from Baghdad Used for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , from Oct. 1948 [Fr. Collins File]	1948	1	22
Letters from Baghdad Used for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , from June 1949 [Fr. Devenny File]	1949	1	23
Letters from Baghdad Used for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 1949 [Fr. Collins File]	1949	1	24
Letters from Baghdad Used for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , 1 <sup>st</sup> half of 1950 [Fr. Collins File]	1950	1	25
Letters from Baghdad Used for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of 1950 [Fr. Collins File]	1950	1	26
<i>Al Baghdadi</i> Correspondence [includes letter from Fr. Sargeant, S.J.]	1940s	1	27
<i>Al Baghdadi</i> [Iraq material to Fr. Devenny, S.J.]	1948	1	28
Letters from Baghdad, March-August, 1950 [Fr. Collins File]	1950	1	29
Letters from Baghdad, September 1950-August 1951 [Fr. Collins File]	1950-1951	1	30
Letters from Iraq [for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , Fr. Anderson File]	1954	2 <sup>nd</sup> -5" box	1
Letters for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> [Fr. Anderson File]	1955	2	2

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***Al Baghdadi***

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<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Letters for <i>Al Baghdadi</i> [Fr. Anderson File]	1957-1958	2	3
<i>Al Baghdadi</i> Bits	1959-1967	2	4
<i>Al Baghdadi</i> letter from Fr. John P. Banks, S.J.	1961	2	5
Correspondence and Letters for Newsletter	1964-1965	2	6
<i>Also see:</i> RG 11.1 Missions Office Records, NEJFM Iraq, Places, Baghdad College Series for additional correspondence that may have been used as source material.			
Correspondence re: <i>Al Baghdadi</i>	1936	2	7
Holy Cross [Correspondence re: cartoons, Fr. Anderson File]	1960-1966	2	8
Post Office [Fr. Anderson File]	1960-1967	2	9
Incoming and Outgoing Mail, July-Nov. 1961	1961	2	10
Printer Correspondence	1953-1956	2	11
Publishers, Folder 1 of 2 [Printers, Fr. Anderson File]	1960-1966	2	12
Publishers, Folder 2 of 2 [Printers, Fr. Anderson File]	1963-1965	2	13
Shadowbrook, Folder 1 of 2 [Distribution of <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , Fr. Anderson File]	1960-1966	2	14
Shadowbrook, Folder 2 of 2 [Distribution of <i>Al Baghdadi</i> , Fr. Anderson File]	1960-1966	2	15
Subscribers [Fr. Anderson File]	1962-1966	2	16

## New England Jesuit Archives Sub-Series Description



<b>Record Group:</b>	<b>Missions Offices &gt; Publications Files</b>
<b>Name of Collection:</b>	<b><i>The Jesuit</i> records</b>
<b>Record Group Number:</b>	<b>11.1</b>
<b>Dates of Collection:</b>	<b>1966-1983</b>
<b>Size of Collection:</b>	<b>4-5” boxes = 2.0 linear feet</b>

### **Historical Background:**

At a meeting in 1965 in Buffalo NY, it was proposed that an inter-province cooperative magazine be published. Designed to replace the twelve variations of the New England *Jesuit Seminary News* issued by each individual Jesuit Seminary office in the U.S. Assistancy and Lower Canada, the new publication would encompass the seminary and mission offices set up in Buffalo, Maryland, New Orleans, New York, Oregon, California, Chicago, Detroit, Lower Canada, Missouri, New England, and Wisconsin. It was argued that a single magazine could be produced at the same cost as the twelve individual issues and a single editorial staff would save each province time and energy as twelve editorial staffs were currently being utilized. This, in turn, would produce a more universal publication in keeping with the spirit of the time and the Annuario. Only Oregon and New York accepted this proposal. *The Jesuit* began as a bi-monthly with the January/February issue of 1966 being the first. The combined circulation was 90,000 costing \$75.00 per thousand copies.

In December, 1967, the *Jesuit Missions* magazine ceased publication. At the Jesuit Missions Meeting in New Orleans in 1968 it was voted that *Jesuit Missions* should also give up fund raising and turn its mailing list over to the individual mission offices.

In June, 1968 the Provincials of Maryland and New York met with the seminary and mission directors and decided that *The Jesuit*, under the editorship of Fr. Furniss of the New York Province, should become the common magazine of the two Provinces with other Provinces invited to participate. With the increased circulation, the magazine was produced at \$60 per thousand with four issues a year.

All the Provinces, except Lower Canada and Missouri, joined the cooperative venture. The Fall and Winter issues went to the mailing lists of the seminary and mission bureaus of Maryland, New Orleans, New York, Oregon, California, New England, Wisconsin, Chicago, and Detroit. The circulation was 415,000 copies per issue.

In November 1968, the New England Province loaned Fr. Clement Armitage to New York to take over editorship of *The Jesuit*. Each province retained a regional editor for its edition of *The Jesuit*. The editors for the New England Province were: Fr. Francis Anderson, 1968-1972 ; Fr. John Banks, 1973; Fr. Simon E. Smith, 1974-1975 ; Fr. Joseph O'Connor, 1976-1980 ; and Fr. Martin P. MacDonnell, 1980-1981. In 1980 the Jesuit Conference Board commissioned Fr. Donald R. Campion to identify “possible areas of unanswered need for communication internally as well as with outside publics” and his study included *The Jesuit*. The conclusion reached from the study revealed a national publication was needed rather than one more regionally based. Soon after, the publication ceased production in 1982.

—Much of this information is from a *Jesuit Seminary & Mission Bureau* summary note.

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## Scope and Content:

The records include article copy, photographs, correspondence, and financial statements. Every folder listed with the term [magazine] means a copy of *The Jesuit* was found in it. These copies were removed from this record group and moved to RG 14, Publications where they currently reside under its title, *The Jesuit*.

**See:** RG 12 / RG 11.1 Photographs for 1-5" box of photographs related to *The Jesuit* magazine.

## Cite As:

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## Record Group 11.1, Missions Offices Records

## Office Files &gt; Publications &gt;

*The Jesuit magazine*

4-5" boxes

1968-1981

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
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*Fr. Francis Anderson, N.E. editor files:*

JM letter (re: Closing, Jesuit Missions magazine)	1968	1	1
Index to the Jesuit files, Fr. Anderson	n.d.	1	1a
Post office report on magazine mailing	1971-72	1	2
Financial	1968-72	1	3
Gifts	n.d.	1	4
Make Up Measurements	1971	1	5
In Transitions (from JM magazine)	1968	1	6
Autumn [material used for issue]	1969	1	7
Winter [material used for issue]	1969	1	8
Spring [material used for issue]	1970	1	9
Summer [material used for issue]	1970	1	10
Autumn [material used for issue]	1970	1	11
Winter [material used for issue]	1970	1	12
Spring [material used for issue]	1971	1	13
Summer [material used for issue]	1971	1	14
Autumn [material used for issue]	1971	1	15
Winter [material used for issue]	1971	1	16
Spring [material used for issue]	1972	1	17
Summer [material used for issue]	1972	1	18
Autumn [material used for issue]	1972	1	19
Winter [material used for issue]	1972	1	20
Correspondence with Clem Armitage	1968-1972	1	21
[Varia]	1969-1971	1	22
Jack Halligan & Ecuador	1972, 1974	1	23

*Fr. Robert O'Brien, Fr. John Banks (N.E. editor), Fr. Simon Smith (N.E. editor):*

Background	1968-1980	2	1
Index 1968-1975	1975	2	2
Varia	1972	2	3
Correspondence	1972-1973	2	4
Correspondence [1 of 3]	1973	2	4 a
Correspondence [2 of 3]	1974-76	2	5
Correspondence [3 of 3]	1976-80	2	6
Spring [magazine]	1973	2	7
Summer [magazine]	1973	2	8
Autumn [magazine]	1973	2	9
Winter [magazine]	1973	2	10
Spring [magazine]	1974	2	11
Summer [magazine only]	1974	2	12
Autumn [magazine]	1974	2	13
Winter [magazine]	1974	2	14
Spring [magazine]	1975	2	15
Summer [magazine]	1975	2	16
Autumn [magazine]	1975	2	17



## Record Group 11.1, Missions Offices Records

## Office Files &gt; Publications &gt;

*The Jesuit* magazine

4-5" boxes

1968-1981

Folder Title	Dates	Box	Folder
Winter [magazine]	1975	2	18
Spring	1976	2	19
Summer [magazine]	1976	2	20
Autumn [magazine]	1976	2	21
Winter [magazine]	1976	2	22
Copy	1972	2	23

*Fr. William Raftery, Fr. Joseph O'Connor (N.E. editor):*

Spring	1977	3	1
Summer	1977	3	2
Fall [Fr. O'Connor]	1977	3	3
Fall [magazine]	1977	3	4
Winter	1977	3	5
Spring	1978	3	6
Summer	1978	3	7
Fall	1978	3	8
Winter	1978	3	9
Spring [magazine]	1979	3	10
Summer [Fr. O'Connor]	1979	3	11
Fall [magazine, Fr. O'Connor]	1979	3	12
Winter [Fr. O'Connor]	1979	3	13

*Fr. Joseph O'Connor, Fr. Martin P. MacDonnell (N.E. editor):*

Spring [Fr. O'Connor]	1980	4	1
Summer [Fr. O'Connor]	1980	4	2
Autumn [Fr. O'Connor]	1980	4	3
Correspondence	1977, 1980	4	4
Winter [1 of 3]	1981	4	5
Winter [2 of 3] Editorial Articles	1976-81	4	6
Winter [3 of 3] Cambodia-Paskey	1981	4	7
Winter	1981	4	8