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## Joseph F. MacFarlane, SJ Papers

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New England Province of the Society of Jesus

Joseph F. MacFarlane SJ

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**Archives of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus  
c/o College of the Holy Cross Archives & Special Collections  
One College Street, Worcester, MA 01610-2395**

**Record Group:** MSS

**Name of Collection:** Rev. Joseph F. MacFarlane, SJ (1908 – 1983) Papers

**Record Group Number:** MS MACFARLANE, JF

**Size of Collection:** 6 boxes, 2.5 linear feet

**Dates of Collection:** 1922-1970

**Historical Background:**

Joseph F. MacFarlane was born to Angus and Margaret (Furdon) MacFarlane in Roxbury, MA on June 22, 1908. He attended public school in Arlington, MA and graduated from Arlington High School in 1925. Then he attended Boston College for one year before entering into the Society of Jesus at Shadowbrook, Lenox, MA on August 14, 1926. At Shadowbrook, he completed his novitiate and classical studies and went to Weston College to complete his philosophy studies. From 1933 until 1935, he taught Rhetoric at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. In 1935, he studied Theology at the Collegium Russicum in Rome and, due to illness, returned to Weston College, Weston, MA to complete his studies in 1937. He was ordained by Bishop Thomas A. Emmet, SJ on June 19, 1938. After his final year at Weston, he spent a year studying Ascetical Theology at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville, NY from 1939 until 1940. He then spent a year giving missions in the parishes of the Diocese of Maine with the New England Mission Band. In 1941, he was named Associate Editor of the *Jesuit Mission* magazine in New York City serving for eleven years, then he served as the Administrator of the *America Press* from 1952 until 1958.

In 1958, he opened and became the first superior of the Eastern Point Retreat House, Gloucester, MA. When the Retreat House was established and running, he then served as the National Director of Sodalties of the United States, St. Louis, MO and as Director of the Queen's Work Press. In 1969, he returned to New England and was appointed Director of both the Social and Pastoral Ministries and in 1974, he was appointed Province Director of the Sodalties of the New England Province. In 1979, due to illness, he left the position to do pastoral work at St. Christine's Parish, Marshfield, MA. In 1981, when his arthritic condition grew worse, he transferred to Arizona to do apostolic functions at St. Pius X. Parish in Tucson. He died in Tucson, AZ March 29, 1983 and is buried in the Campion Center Cemetery, Weston, MA.

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### Scope and Content:

The collection consists of correspondence, meeting and task forces notes, articles, retreat notes, and reports. There are also a personal scrapbook and photographs.

### See:

- Record Group 12: Audiovisual Collection for personal scrapbooks and photographs.
- The New England Province Authors Collection for one article by Fr. MacFarlane: "A Word to the Old Breed" in *The New Bread* (America Press, 1964)

**Access / Restrictions:** This collection is open to researchers.

**Cite As:** Rev. Joseph F. MacFarlane, SJ Manuscript Collection  
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<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Personal Papers	nd	1	1
CTS Leaflets	nd	1	2
Three Hours Agony	nd	1	3
Memorial Day	nd	1	4
Church	nd	1	5
Mother's Novena	nd	1	6
Sunday Gospels	nd	1	7
Mystical Body	nd	1	8
Passion	nd	1	9
Priests	nd	1	10
Retreat Notes	1922	1	11
Sodality	1927-1940	1	12
Catholic Devotion	1930-1941	1	13
Mass	1933	1	14
Religious Education Articles and Reflections	1937	1	15
Saints	1938	1	16
Weston Social Order Christian Academy	1938-1940	1	17
Holy Name	1940	1	18
Christ	1940	1	19
Social Order	1941	1	20
Pope	1941	1	21
Special Letters	1937-1954	2	1
Jewish Question	1938-1947	2	2
Liberalism	1938-1957	2	3
Novena of Grace	1943	2	4
Retreat Notes	1947-1958	2	5
Baccalaureate Sermons	1953	2	6
Sorokin – Sex	1954	2	7
Astronomy Retreat	1960	2	8
High School Retreat	1961	2	9
Gloucester	1961	2	10
Novena at Carmel	1962	2	11
Lonergan Three Lectures	1962	2	12
Christian Living	1963-1970	2	13
[Misc. Articles]	1963-1972	2	14

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Special Letters	1966-1981	3	1
Retreats and Organizations	1968-1970	3	2
Task Force Voting and Proposition Correspondence	1968-1969	3	3
Task Force Planning Programs Provincial Report	1968-1969	3	4
Superiors' Institute	1968-1969	3	5
Meeting of the Province Congress	1968-1969	3	5-6
Teen Encounters Christ	1969	3	7
Financial Reports	1969	3	8
American Association Conference for the Total Development of the Jesuit Brother	1968-1969		
Ignatian / Personal Discernment		4	1
Consensus Statements and Sessions		4	2
August 1969		4	3
Presentation Papers 1-14		4	4-5
Background Reports		4	6
Statements, Papers and Reports		4	7
Task Force	1968-1969		
Planning Programs		5	1-2
General, 1-2, 4		5	3
5-10		5	4
11-16, 20-21, 29		5	5
30-33		5	6
34-46		5	7
Consensus Statement from Santa Clara		5	8
Project Report	1974	5	9
Correspondence			
Provincial [to and from Provincial Office and Jesuit Superiors]	1925-1964	6	1
Personal Correspondence [to and from various correspondents]	1929-1969	6	2
Roma Russicum – Paul Murphy	1935-1937	6	3
Roma Russicum – Richard Coakley	1934-1940	6	4
Roma Russicum – Christopher Devlin [folder also contains two letters signed by “Ciz”, possibly Walter Ciszek]	1937-1939	6	5
Rev. Harry Milner	1937-1950	6	6
Philip and Josephine MacFarlane	1943-1946	6	7
Mary Veronica Schmidt	1937-1960	6	8-9
Teruko Ugaya	1952-1954	6	10

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Frank Oldring and Gertrude Mikkola	1952	6	11
Andrew Sedler	1960-1964	6	12