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## Early Spanish American Imprint Collection

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Early Spanish American Imprint Collection

**Dates:** 1768-1787

**Collection Number:** GC 1360

**Creator/Collector:**

**Extent:** Boxes: 1/2 legal

**Repository:** Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County  
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**Abstract:** Two publications printed in Spanish colonial Mexico. 1768-ca. 1787

**Language of Material:** Spanish; Castilian

**Access**

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**Biography/Administrative History**

1. Book was the catechism used in California and New Mexico. American traders and settlers who were converted received much of their instruction from this volume. Many of the Americans who married into Californio families and were converted had slight acquaintance with the Spanish language at the time; the appearance of this English text was thus most welcome.
2. First edition. Fr. Fabian y Fuero (1719-1801) was a controversial Mexican and Spanish prelate, Bishop of Puebla de Los Angeles, authority on canon law, and Thomas Aquinas scholar. In this oration, delivered before a military group, he spoke about the importance of the "just war" and the symbolism attached to the holy flags and standards that were usually carried into battle, particularly that of Nuestra Senora de la Defensa, 'la conquistadora de las Californias, y provincias de Sinaloa, y la pacificadora del Peru.'

**Scope and Content of Collection**

Two publications printed in Spanish colonial Mexico: 1. A Short Abridgement of [sic] Christian Doctrine. [Entirely in English after two-page preface beginning: "Nos los Inquisidores Apostolicos..."]. 41 pp., [Mexico, ca. 1787]. 2. Fabian Y Fuero, Francisco. Oracion ... a Bendecir Solemnemente los Reales Estandartes del Regimiento de Dragones de Mexico en el Dia 21 de Julio de 1768. 14 pp., [Puebla, 1768]. See also GC1147 Early Mexican Imprint Collection. 1768-ca. 1787

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