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**Abstract:** Correspondence, flyers, newsletters, clippings, memoranda, notes, meeting notes, depositions, receipts, articles, essays, broadsides, legal papers, medical certificates and other material from activist and gay religious leader, Mikhail (Michael) Itkin, 1956-1989. A religious leader of various congregations, Itkin was also a gay rights and political activist.

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**Biographical Note**

Mikhail Itkin was born Michael Francis Itkin on February 7, 1936. Working alternately out of New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, Itkin was a leader of churches of various names and was an activist advocate for gay rights and political causes. Itkin died on August 1, 1989.

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**Processing Information**

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**Scope and Content**

Correspondence, flyers, newsletters, clippings, memoranda, notes, meeting notes, depositions, receipts, articles, essays, broadsides, legal papers, medical certificates and other material documenting the activities of gay religious leader and activist Mikhail (Michael) Itkin, 1956-1989. The bulk of the collection consists of Itkin's essays, flyers, and correspondence on gay, political, and spiritual themes from the 1970s.

**Acquisition Information**

Some materials were sent to the International Gay and Lesbian Archives from Reverend Carol J. Davis of the Community of the Love of Christ, circa 1991. Other materials were donated by Reverend Mikhail Itkin, circa 1982.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged chronologically. Writings and miscellaneous materials are listed at the end.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Homosexuality -- Religious aspects
Gay activists -- United States -- California
Gays -- Religious life
Itkin, Mikhail (Michael Francis Itkin)
Early papers 1958-1973
Scope and Contents
Includes his involvement with the Gnostic Catholic Church, Brotherhood of the Way, Primitive Catholic Church, Brotherhood of the Love of Christ, Holy Orthodox Catholic Synod, Community of Jesus our Brother, Quest Institute, and Radical Gay Christians. Also includes the titles "Homosexual Liberation and Nonviolent Revolution" and "Towards Creative Revolution" as well as issues of "High Watch," "Koinonia (community)," and "Agape and Action."

Les Petites Bon-Bons 1973

The Community of the Love of Christ 1973-1974

The People's Church Collective 1974-1975

The Community of the Love of Christ 1975-1977

Wedding to Lawrence 1977

Christopher Street West, Libertarian Party, and Gay Liberation 1977-1978

Syro-Chaldean and Order of the Divine Love 1977-1979

Community of the Love of Christ 1980-1986

Writings 1960-1989
Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous circa 1970-1986
Scope and Contents
Includes correspondence, notes, letterhead, and flyers.