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Abstract: Writings, clippings, correspondence, and administrative records, 1974-1991, documenting gay activist Brian R. McNaught. McNaught is a writer, spokesperson, and corporate consultant on gay and lesbian rights, sex education, and AIDS awareness. He has written extensively on his experiences as a gay man, particularly in relation to his Irish Catholic identity.

Biography
Brian R. McNaught was born on January 28, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Marquette University in 1970.

In the 1970s, McNaught served as president of the Detroit chapter of Dignity, a national organization of Catholic gays and lesbians. In 1974, when it was revealed that McNaught was a member of Dignity, the column he wrote for The Michigan Catholic, the newspaper of the Detroit archdiocese, was discontinued. He continued to work as a reporter for the newspaper, but was eventually fired.

McNaught turned his focus to sex education and research on homosexuality, and he was certified as a sex counselor by the American Association of Sex Educators in 1980. He became a syndicated columnist and writer for gay newspapers throughout the United States, and became a spokesperson on gay and lesbian rights, particularly in relation to the Catholic Church. He developed LGBT diversity workshops for corporations, and as of 2014 he continues to work as a spokesperson, writer, and consultant on LGBT issues, sex education, and AIDS awareness.

As of 2014, he lives with his partner, Ray Struble, and the two divide their time between Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Provincetown, Massachusetts.


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Scope and Contents
This artificial collection comprises writings, clippings, correspondence, and administrative records, 1974-1991, documenting gay activist, writer, and spokesperson, Brian R. McNaught. The bulk of the collection is clippings and manuscripts of McNaught's gay newspaper columns, particularly "A Disturbed Peace" in which he writes about his experiences as an Irish Catholic gay man. The correspondence and administrative records primarily document the activities of the Detroit chapter of Dignity, a national organization of gay and lesbian Catholics, in which McNaught served as president.

Arrangement
This collection is arranged alphabetically.

**Related Materials**
Brian R. McNaught papers, #7590. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
Catholic gays -- United States
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