Ralph Rath Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Ralph Rath Collection
Dates: 1970-2004
Collection Number: CFT00044
Creator/Collector: Rath, Ralph
Extent: 1 Box, 0.5 linear feet
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Abstract: Ralph Rath (May 22, 1932 - August 12, 2019) was a Roman Catholic journalist. The collection includes Ralph Rath’s essays, articles and booklets. Materials also include conference programs, booklets, and magazines related to the Charismatic renewal in the Catholic Church and statements on the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.
Language of Material: English
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Acquisition Information
Donated by Ralph Rath, c.2004
Biography/Administrative History
Ralph Rath (May 22, 1932 - August 12, 2019) was a Roman Catholic journalist. He was ordained as a Catholic priest on May 26, 1958, at the Oblate Seminary in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The Order sent Rath to California, where he taught at Catholic high schools and local parishes. He left the priesthood in 1967 to pursue a writing career. Rath contributed to two daily newspapers and seven religious publications. In the 1970s, he was added to “Who’s Who in the West” while writing for the California Tribune. He met David du Plessis in 1972, and joined a charismatic renewal community in San Francisco. The community joined the ecumenical People of Praise charismatic community in South Bend in 1977. Rath continued to advocate for the charismatic religious movement by lecturing across the country, and authoring 13 books and more than 800 feature articles.
Scope and Content of Collection
The collection includes Ralph Rath’s essays, “I Remember Du Plessis” and “Memories of a Charismatic Journalist” as well as a selection of his articles and booklets. Materials also include conference programs, booklets, and magazines related to the Charismatic renewal in the Catholic Church and statements on the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Dates range from the 1970s-2004.
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