Guide to the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Sermons and Photographs collection

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Sermons and Photographs collection

Date (inclusive): 1906-1972

Date (bulk): circa 1936-1972

Collection number: USDSC_2019_001

Extent: 1 oversize box, (1 linear foot)

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Abstract: The collection contains documents and photographs related to Bishop Charles Francis Buddy and the Catholic church. The majority of the documents are sermons given by Bishop Buddy. Photographs are primarily of Bishop Buddy and signed photographs given to Bishop Buddy.

Languages: English

Biographical Note

Charles Francis Buddy (1887-1966) served as the first Bishop of San Diego from 1936 to 1966. He and Mother Rosalie Hill founded the San Diego College for Women and the University of San Diego College for Men, which later became the University of San Diego.

Biographical information about Bishop Buddy can be found in:


The Legends of Bishop Buddy by Monsignor Charles Dollen, 1994.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains documents and photographs related to Bishop Buddy and the Catholic church. The majority of the documents are handwritten and typed sermons given by Bishop Buddy. Many of the typed sermons include Bishop Buddy’s handwritten edits. These are sermons given at Christmas and Easter masses, as well as a sermon on Christianity and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Also included are a few newspaper articles about Bishop Buddy and the installation of Bishop Leo T. Maher.

Photographs in this collection include portraits of Bishop Buddy, photographs of Bishop Buddy with others, and signed photographs and prints given to Bishop Buddy.

Additional photographs and documents not directly related to Bishop Buddy are included.

Series I. Documents

Series II. Photographs and Artifacts

Alternative Form of Materials Available

Digital copies of the sermons have been made.

Access

This collection is open for research.

Preferred Citation

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Custodial History

This collection was donated to the University of San Diego Archives after purchase from an estate sale. The name and location of the estate, and the individual who compiled these materials, are unknown.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Ashley Toutain in October 2019.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Buddy, Charles Francis, 1887-1966

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Catholic Church. Diocese of San Diego (Calif.)

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Series I: Documents circa 1936-1969

Box/Folder: 1 / 1  Christmas Message on K.F.S.D. undated
Scope and Content Note
Consists of text read by Bishop Buddy during KFSD broadcast. Text is typed with Buddy's handwritten edits. The Christmas broadcast was sponsored by Mr. Joseph E. Dryer.

Box/Folder: 1 / 2  Christmas Sermon 1951
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's handwritten sermon with edits.

Box/Folder: 1 / 3  Easter Mass Reading undated
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's typed reading.

Box/Folder: 1 / 4  Easter 1940
Scope and Content Note
Typed Easter message.

Box/Folder: 1 / 5  Easter Letter 1941
Scope and Content Note
Typed letter from Bishop Buddy "To Our Beloved People in the Counties of Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial and San Diego."

Box/Folder: 1 / 6  Easter Sermon 1948
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's typed sermon.

Box/Folder: 1 / 7  Easter Sermon 1950
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's typed sermon with handwritten notes and additions.

Box/Folder: 1 / 8  Easter Sermon 1952
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's typed sermon with handwritten edits.

Box/Folder: 1 / 9  Sermon on Christianity undated
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's typed sermon.

Box/Folder: 1 / 10  Immaculate Heart of Mary Sermon undated
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's handwritten notes with a typed reading.
Box/Folder: 1 / 11  Sermon Inserts - A,B,C undated
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's handwritten notes.

Box/Folder: 1 / 12  Sermon Intro - A,B,C undated
Scope and Content Note
Bishop Buddy's handwritten notes.

Box/Folder: 1 / 13  Pope John XXIII Apostolic Blessing Parchment for Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Palatucci 1959 October 23

Box/Folder: 1 / 14  "A Bishop's Lifetime of Wisdom" News Article 1966 January 09

Box/Folder: 1 / 15  Installation of Bishop Leo Maher Newspaper Articles 1969 September

Series II: Photographs and Artifacts 1906, circa 1936-1972

Box/Folder: 1 / 16  Gray Family Photograph "To My Darling Brother," 1906 January
Scope and Content Note
Physical Description: Sepia 23 x 28.5 cm
Written in pencil on the front corner is "Alex Holmes Eureka." Names written on the back are: John Gray 1852, Eugenie Gray 1862, Stella Fougner 1880, Elsi, George, Florence, Loyd, Gladys, Laurence Fougner. According to the 1900 census, John (born 1852 in Maine) and Eugenie Gray lived in San Diego. In the 1910 census, they lived in Eureka.
Processing/Project Information
Formerly located in Reverend Father John Richard Gomes Kelly folder.

Box/Folder: 1 / 17  Gold Cross engraved "Bishop Charles Francis Buddy S.T.D." on one side "In Consilio Sanctorum" on the other. undated
Scope and Content Note
Physical Description: 6 x 10 cm

Box/Folder: 1 / 18  Bishop Buddy Portrait circa 1936
Scope and Content Note
Physical Description: 4 copies of hand colored print. Matted - 27 x 34.5 cm
Portrait by Blackstone-Shelburne 3 West 30th Street New York, N.Y.

Box/Folder: 1 / 19  First Spiritual Retreat of the Priests of the Diocese of San Diego, California, in the First Year of the Episcopate of the Most Reverend Charles Buddy... Reverend Joseph R. Stack, S.J. Retreat Master...At Del Mar Hotel, Del Mar, California 1937 April 5-10
Scope and Content Note
Physical Description: Black and white photograph. 43 x 29.5 cm

Box/Folder: 1 / 20  Bishop Buddy Portrait circa 1940s
Scope and Content Note
Physical Description: Black and white photograph. 28 x 35.5
Signed "To Mrs. Sally Lynch with esteem, sincere appreciation and a triple blessing + Charles F. Buddy Bishop of San Diego." Portrait by Shelburne Studios New York City.

Box/Folder: 1 / 21  Soldiers in front of Mt. Fuji 1953 May
Scope and Content Note
Physical Description: Black and white framed photograph. 8.5 x 11.5 cm
Written on the back: "This was taken the last week in May 1953. A buddy of mine snapped it when I was not looking. Love, Jackie. See Mt. Fuji." This is possibly related to Camp Fuji which was turned over to the Marine Corps from the US Army in 1953. Image includes multiple white soldiers and one black soldier, all appearing to be resting. This is possibly an image of one of the first integrated United States military units as desegregation of the military did not begin until 1951.
Box/Folder: 1 / 22  Bishop Buddy standing between two individuals in a garden. circa 1950s
Physical Description: Black and white photograph. 28 x 35.5 cm
Scope and Content Note
Photography by William Pierce Studio

Box/Folder: 1 / 23  Portrait of young girl circa 1950s
Physical Description: Black and white photograph. 28 x 35.5 cm
Scope and Content Note
Signed "To Our Bishop In Immaculatae Corde - Charlotte."

Box/Folder: 1 / 24  Bridge and River Tiber in front of St. Peter’s Basilica by Joan Fennell 1955 May 25
Physical Description: Black and white print. 35.5 x 28 cm
Scope and Content Note
Signed "To His Excellency, Charles F. Buddy D.D., Bishop of San Diego: In gratitude for a grace-filled year spent at the Women’s College of Your San Diego University – Joan Fennell E. de M."

Box/Folder: 1 / 25  Hall of Science plaque 1959 June 15
Physical Description: Black and white photograph. 28 x 35.5 cm
Scope and Content Note
Image of plaque – “A.M.D.G. University of San Diego Hall of Science Donated by the People of San Diego Dedicated to the Cause of God and Country by the Honorable Richard M. Nixon."

Box/Folder: 1 / 26  Photograph of Papal Countess Bernardine Murphy Donohue and Sir Daniel Donohue circa 1960
Physical Description: Color photograph. Matted 32 x 42 cm
Scope and Content Note
Bernardine was made Papal Countess by Pope John XXIII in 1960. She and Daniel were friends of Bishop Buddy and benefactors to the University of San Diego and the Catholic church.

Box/Folder: 1 / 27  Photograph of Bishop Buddy and Msgr. James P. O’Shea circa 1960
Physical Description: Possibly a carbo photographic print. 28 x 35.5 cm
Scope and Content Note
O’Shea edited the Southern Cross newspaper from 1937 to 1970. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1924 and became a priest in the San Diego diocese in 1937. He died in April 1983.

Box/Folder: 1 / 28  Harold Luhman prints - signed 1969
Physical Description: Three black and white prints. 8 x 10 cm
Processing/Project Information
Formerly located in Reverend Father John Richard Gomes Kelly folder.

Box/Folder: 1 / 29  Sacred Heart Church photographs 1972
Physical Description: Five black and white photographs and a postcard. 12 x 9 cm.
Scope and Content Note
The Sacred Heart Church is located on the corner of Sunset Cliffs and Saratoga Ave in Ocean Beach, San Diego California.
Processing/Project Information
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