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**Identifier/Call Number**: 103

**Physical Description**: 7 Linear Feet

**Date (inclusive)**: 1964-2000

**Abstract**: This is a collection of papers, photos and printed materials relating to the Los Angeles Church of the Epiphany in Lincoln Heights, which served as a base for the Chicano Civil Rights Movement and more particularly the organizing efforts of Cesar Chavez.

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**Language of Material**: English

**Access**

Open for research.

**Acquisition Information**

Collection donated by the Very Reverend Will Waters, August 29, 2007.

**Arrangement**

The material is in the order determined by the initial archivist. The collection is arranged in the following series:

- Series 1. Clippings
- Series 2. Photographic material
- Series 3. Correspondence
- Series 4. Printed material

**Biography**

The Church of the Epiphany in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles was founded in 1883, and is the oldest standing Episcopal Church in the City of Los Angeles. Bishop Johnson, the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Los Angeles, gave his first sermon as a new Bishop at Epiphany and many Bishops from all over the Anglican Communion including Robert Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, have preached and celebrated at Epiphany. Cesar Chavez, the Founder of the United Farmworkers Union and long time friend of Epiphany, also graced its pulpit. In 2005 the church was designated a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Processing Information**


**Scope and Contents**

The collection consists of clippings, photographs, correspondence, printed material, and ephemera. These materials document the church's decades of involvement with the Chicano Movement and other civil rights struggles, as well as more common ecclesiastical issues. There is also a significant amount of material on Maria Cueto and Raisa Nemikin, two church employees who were jailed for several months in the 1970s for refusing to cooperate with a federal investigation into Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional (FALN), a Puerto Rican separatist group.

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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- National Brown Beret Organization
- Chavez, Cesar, 1927-1993
- Chicano movement
- United Farm Workers
- FALN (Organization)
Series 1. Clippings

Box 7, Folder 10  The Episcopal News 1996
Box 8, Folder 5  Cesar Chavez, UFW 1971-1993
Box 8, Folder 6  Various Church events and issues 1981
Box 8, Folder 7  The Episcopal News 1979
Box 8, Folder 8  Lydia Lopez to chair new Hispanic Commission 1978
Box 8, Folder 9  Various Episcopal news 1977
Box 8, Folder 10  Rt. Rev Robert C. Rusack, Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles 1964
Box 8, Folders 13-14  Various Episcopal church news and events 1980-1982
Box 8, Folder 16  Various Episcopal church events and news reports 1936-1987
Box 9, Folder 1  Various Church events and issues 1981
Scope and Contents
Includes recipes.

Box 9, Folder 3  Virginia Ram and various church events 1981-03-1982-04
Box 10, Folder 13  Newspaper articles on various church events 1987
Box 11, Folders 1-12  The Episcopal News 1983-1994

Series 2. Photographic Material

Box 1, Folders 1-4  Cultural events 1967-1988
  Physical Description: Color Slides
  Scope and Contents
  Folder 3 includes photos of Cessar Chavez.

Box 1, Folder 5  Various members and events undated
Box 2, Folder 1  Church priests, congregants, and events 1981-1983
Box 2, Folder 2  Church events and congregants 1978-1986
  Scope and Contents

Box 2, Folder 3  Congregants and events 1968-1988
  General
  Photographs by Nancy Tovar.

Box 2, Folder 4  Chris Ram birthday / Virginia Ram funeral 1971-1980
Box 2, Folder 5  Slides of neighborhood, mural, etc. 1976-1979
Box 2, Folder 6  Day of the Dead 1978-1979
  General
  Photographs by Nancy Tovar; includes flier and correspondence releasing images

Box 2, Folder 7  United Neighborhoods Organization (UNO) meeting / police chief Daryl Gates 1979-1981
Box 2, Folder 8  Palm Sunday 1988
Box 2, Folder 9  Easter 1988
Box 2, Folder 10  Dance 1988
Box 2, Folder 11  Various church congregants and events 1988
Box 2, Folder 12  Huelga, Sacramento 1976-1981
Box 2, Folder 13  Camping Trip / 4th of July parade 1946-1967
Series 2. Photographic Material

Box 3, Folder 3  Various church congregants, services, and events 1983
Scope and Contents
Includes church kitchen fire.

Box 3, Folder 4  Various church events 1985
Scope and Contents
UNO Meetings; Bishop Garver Installation; Pat Martinez, UCLA Law Graduation

Box 6, Folder 10  Brown Berets 1972-1973
Box 6, Folder 11  Hispanic Convention 1976-1977
Box 7, Folder 1  UFW rally undated
Scope and Contents
Includes photograph of seven ministers.

Box 7, Folder 2  Church, house, and dining hall undated
Box 7, Folder 13  Church ministers group photo undated
Scope and Contents
Also includes: quincenera girl; children; Virgina Ram; Fr. Walters.

Box 8, Folder 11  Miscellaneous 1981
General
Includes: Camp Stevens; Easter Service; various church members and events.

Box 10, Folder 14  Virginia Ram and flowers mural undated
Box 10, Folder 15  Laughing ministers undated
Box 10, Folder 16  Folklorico girls / church service / funeral procession undated
Box 10, folder 12  Fiesta Canterbury Cinco De Mayo 1973-1977
Scope and Contents
Includes fliers, church schedule, and artwork.

Series 3. Correspondence

Box 4, Folder 9  Maria Cueto and Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional 1977-1985
General
Church staff members Maria Cueto and Raisa Nemikin were imprisoned for refusing to cooperate with FBI investigation of Episcopal Church and "terrorist" Puerto Rican independence movement (FALN); folder includes correspondence of Nancy Von Lauderback and Bishop John M. Allin.

Box 5, Folder 3  Executive Council of the Episcopal Church 1977-1978
General
Correspondence From: Rt. Rev. Milton L. Wood, D.D. To: Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr.; Correspondence From: Robert S. Potter To: Elizabeth Fink, Esq.; Correspondence From: Robert S. Potter To: Kenneth W. Greenawalt, Esq.; Correspondence From: Robert S. Potter To: Rt. Rev. John M. Allin; Correspondence From: Robert S. Potter To: Members of the Executive Council The Episcopal Church; Anonymous Correspondence; Memorandum: Rev. Richard Gillett

Box 6, Folder 7  General convention 1981-1982
Scope and Contents
Topics include: Salvadoran refugees; San Gabriel Parish Endowment; ordination. Includes correspondence from Rev. Canon Oliver B. Garver to Rev. Roger H. Wood.
### Series 3. Correspondence

| Box 8, Folder 17 | List of grievances against Rev. Patricia O'Reilly and Rev. Bryan Jones 1987-02-12-1987-02-16 General Invitation to anniversary service possibly dated incorrectly. |

### Series 4. Printed Material

<p>| Box 3, Folder 1 | Various church events and announcements 1968-1990 |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | Various church events 1991 |
| Box 3, Folder 5 | Hispanic ministry and East Los Angeles Parish 1973 |
| Box 3, Folder 6 | Hispanic Ministry 1973 |
| Box 3, Folder 7 | Oliver B. Garver, Jr. 1973 |
| Box 3, Folder 8 | Various programs for church services 1987-1988 |
| Box 4, Folders 1-2 | Various programs for church services and events undated |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | Various programs for church services and events 1987-1988 |
| Box 4, Folder 4 | Papers and programs 1984-1997 Scope and Contents Includes music lyrics, song and prayer books, and funeral service programs. |
| Box 4, Folder 5 | John B. Luce transfer to Los Angeles 1965-1966 |
| Box 4, Folder 6 | Church of Angels 1967-1968 Scope and Contents Includes material on: Brown Berets; riots; school walk-outs at Roosevelt High School; Cesar Chavez; UCLA student refuses draft. |
| Box 4, Folder 7 | Chicano Walkouts 1971-1972 |
| Box 4, Folder 8 | Grant proposal and various church events 1980 |
| Box 5, Folder 1 | Maria Cueto, Raisa Nemikin, and Fuerzas Armadas de Liberacion Nacional 1977-1978 |
| Box 5, Folder 2 | Hymn book undated |
| Box 5, Folder 4 | Education for a New Mañana Association of Mexican-American Educators Inc. 1965 General First Annual Issues Conference December 3-4, 1965 San Diego, CA |
| Box 5, Folder 5 | Bilingual education / Latin youth dropouts 1965-1974 |
| Box 5, Folder 6 | Church programs 1967-1969 General Drawing by Allan R. Crite |
| Box 5, Folder 7 | Hispanic Ministry Development Report to the Commission on Hispanic Ministry Diocese of Los Angeles 1981 |
| Box 5, Folder 8 | Church of the Epiphany Celebration Blessing Supplementary Music 1984 |
| Box 5, Folder 9 | Various events 2000 |
| Box 5, Folder 10 | Cathedral Center Arts Program Exhibition undated Scope and Contents Katrina Carter, Artist |
| Box 5, Folder 11 | Service programs, invitations, and fliers on various events 1988-1990 |
| Box 5, Folder 12 | Service programs / Nomination letter: Virginia Ram for executive council 1985-1988 |
| Box 5, Folder 13 | The Church of the Epiphany 1971-1978 |
| Box 5, Folder 14 | Service programs 1987-1988 |
| Box 5, Folder 15 | Service programs 1981-1983 |
| Box 5, Folder 16 | Service programs 1987-1988 |
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