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Frank J. Lewis Papers

Dates: 1924-1960, undated

Creator: Lewis, Frank J. (1867-1960)

Extent: 3.46 linear feet

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Frank J. Lewis Collection 1924-1960, Undated. Box #, Folder.

Provenance: Sent to the University Archives from the old Law School Building, December 1979.

Separations: Extraneous materials were removed and discarded.

See Also: Presidents' records; Stritch School of Medicine records.

Biographical Sketch

Frank J. Lewis, K.S.G., was born April 9, 1867 in Chicago, Illinois to William and Ellen Lewis. In his twenties, he started a business that produced coal tar products used in roofing, which later became a leading company in the field. He was also Director of the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, and served as Chairman of the board of directors at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He was married twice, first to Alberta Dilley, with whom he had seven children. After Alberta's death in 1923, Lewis married Julia Deal in 1928, and had two more children.

Later in his industrial career, Lewis became a noted philanthropist. He funded the construction of multiple churches through the Catholic Church Extension Society, as well as hospitals, one of which was the Lewis Memorial Maternity Hospital. He donated buildings to universities, including the Lewis Towers of



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Loyola University Chicago and the Frank J. Lewis Downtown Center of DePaul University, among others.

Recognized by the Roman Catholic Church for his generosity, Lewis was appointed as a Knight of St. Gregory in 1924, Knight Commander of St. Sylvester in 1932, Knight Commander of Pope Pius IX in 1949, and Papal Count of the Holy Roman Empire in 1954. In addition to this recognition, Lewis received numerous awards for his donations including honorary degrees from Loyola University Chicago and St. Ambrose College.

Lewis passed away on December 21, 1960 at age 93, but his philanthropy lived on through his children, who started the Frank J. Lewis Foundation, an organization dedicated to Catholic charity. They also continued supporting the Catholic Church Extension society, funding the construction of over fifty churches across the United States.

Scope and Content

The Frank J. Lewis papers consist of 3.46 linear feet spanning the years 1924 to 1960 and include correspondence; newspapers; magazines; certificates; photographs; and plaques. These materials are organized by subject. Languages in this collection are English and Latin.

Series

Series 1: Roman Catholic Church Honors, 1924-1955

This series consists of correspondence and awards from the Papacy of the Roman Catholic Church. Subjects include the Cardinal's Dinner and Catholic Knighthoods including the Orders of St. Gregory the Great and St. Sylvester. Languages in this series are English and Latin.

Series 2: Awards & Dedications; 1930-1957, undated

This series consists of awards given for donations and programs for building dedications. Subjects include certificates; honorary degrees; books of appreciation; building dedications; and plaques.



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Series 3: Press, 1927-1959, undated

This series consists of newspapers, newspaper clippings, and magazines highlighting the philanthropy of Frank J. Lewis. Subjects include local and non-local newspapers; Catholic newspapers; University newspapers; and Catholic magazines. Newspapers are arranged alphabetically

Series 4: Photographs, 1942-1959, undated

This series consists of photographs of Frank J. Lewis and Churches planted by the Catholic Church Extension Society, including correspondence about the photographs. Photographs of the Churches are arranged alphabetically.

Subjects:

All Saints Church, Holdridge, Nebraska
Benefactor
Cardinal Mundelein
Cardinal Stritch
Catholic Church Extension Society
Catholic History
Catholic Messenger
Charity
Chicago American
Church History
Daily Times
De Paulia
De Paul University
Florida Catholic
Frank J. Lewis
Lewis Towers
Loyola news
Loyola University Chicago
New World
Newspapers
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Springsdale, Arkansas
Order of St. Gregory the Great
Order of St. Sylvester
Photographs
Sacred Heart Chapel, Chicago Municipal Sanitarium
St. Francis Church, Sallisaw, Oklahoma
St. Francis Church, Sturgis Kentucky
St. Juliana Church, Martin, Kentucky



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St. Phillip's Church, Belle Glade, Florida
St. Raphael's Church, Springsdale, Arkansas
University of Dayton News



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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Roman Catholic Church Honors; 1924-1955			
1	2	Order of St. Gregory the Great	1924-1949
1	3	Order of St. Sylvester	1931
1	1	Cardinal's Dinner	1952-1955
Series 2: Awards & Dedications; 1930-1957, undated			
3		Vincentian Association of the Miraculous Medal, DePaul University	undated
4		One Hundred Club Membership Award	undated
1	5	Building Dedications	1930-1935
3		Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium Appreciation Book	1936
4		Chicago Motor Club Testimonial Plaque	1939
3		Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Appreciation Book	1942
1	4	Certificates & Awards	1942-1960
3		Honorary Degree, St. Ambrose College	1948
3		Jesuit Centennial Citation	1951
3		St. Vincent DePaul Medal, St. John's University	1957
4		Unico National Citizen of the Year Award	1957
4		United Air Lines 100,000 Miles Club Membership Plaque	1957
Series 3: Press; 1927-1959, undated			
1	7	Assorted Local news clippings	1927-1954
1	6	Assorted news clippings	undated
1	8	Assorted Non-Local news clippings	1928-1956
2	1	Catholic Messenger	1933-1934
1	9	Catholic Messenger news clippings	1928-1933
2	2	Chicago American	1954
1	10	Chicago American news clippings	1951-1954
1	11	Chicago Daily Tribune news clippings	1927-1959
1	12	Chicago Sun Times news clippings	1952-1953
2	3	Daily Times	1927-1948
2	4	De Paulia	1928
2	5	Florida Catholic	1958



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1	13	Lewis Crier	1953-1954
2	6	Loyola News	1952-1955
1	15	Magazines	1929-1952
2	7	New World	1954-1959
1	14	New World news clippings	1928-1959
2	8	University of Dayton News	1933

Series 4: Photographs; 1942-1959, undated

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1	16	Catholic Knighthood	undated
1	17	Unidentified	1942, undated

Catholic Church Extension Society

1	18	All Saints Church, Holdridge, Nebraska	1954
1	19	Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Springsdale, Arkansas	1959
1	20	Sacred Heart Chapel, Chicago Municipal Sanitarium	undated
1	21	St. Francis Church, Sallisaw, Oklahoma	1952
1	22	St. Francis Church, Sturgis Kentucky	1952
1	23	St. Juliana Church, Martin, Kentucky	undated
1	24	St. Phillip's Church, Belle Glade, Florida	1954
1	25	St. Raphael's Church, Springsdale, Arkansas	1959
1	26	Unidentified Churches	undated