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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: University Catholic Federation of Great Britain Papers

Reference code: GB-0033-CSU-D2

Dates of creation: 1922-1962

Extent: 2 boxes

Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

Creator: University Catholic Federation of Great Britain

Language of material: English

Contents

Papers of the University Catholic Federation of Great Britain, mostly papers of its governing body, including constitutions, minutes of various committees and officers' papers. There is a very small collection of papers relating to the activities of its local auxiliaries.

About the organisation

The University Catholic Federation of Great Britain (originally the University Catholic Societies' Federation of Great Britain) was established in 1920 to bring together the various Catholic student societies existing in British and European universities under one umbrella organisation. Its aims included providing assistance in the formation of opinions on matters of social, intellectual and political importance in relation to Catholic teaching, the promotion of intellectual and social dialogue among its members, the organisation and representation of university Catholics, and co-operation with Pax Romana and other Catholic organisations overseas. The Federation was governed by a nationally elected council, with auxiliaries organising events at the local level, including lecture programmes, discussion meetings and missionary circles, as well as disseminating information through occasional publications.

Following the establishment of the Newman Association in 1942, the Federation gradually declined in influence, although there is evidence of the continuation of its activities well into the 1960s.

Accession details

Donated by the Newman Association, December 2013. The Pax Romana Congress photographs were previously in the possession of Miss Mary Margaret (Mollie) Sweeney (1910-1987) and donated to Durham University by Helen-Bunder-Smith, November 2017.

Previous custodial history

The Federation's papers were originally part of the Newman Association Archive but, owing to their unique provenance, it was decided to create an entirely separate collection. The printed publications in this collection can be found on the Durham University Library catalogue.

Stored at the Scottish Catholic Archives in Edinburgh until the transfer of the papers to Durham University in December 2013.

Arrangement

The arrangement is based on the original hierarchical structure of the organisation (where this is known):

1. Constitution Papers

2. Governing Committees' Papers
3. Conferences and Events
4. Printed Material

Conditions of access

Open for consultation.

Copyright and copying

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Appraisal

The collection has been appraised. Information which is duplicated in other records, and clean duplicates, have generally been removed.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected

Form of citation

The form of citation should use the code GB-0033-CSU-D2, or the collection name University Catholic Federation of Great Britain Papers, followed by the *reference number*. To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Bibliography

Francis Aylward, "University Catholic Federation of Great Britain - a review of the Catholic student movement, 1920 - 1940"

Related material - here

Newman Association Papers

Ref: D1

1. Constitution Papers

D2/A

D2/A/1 1928 - 1963

Papers relating to the constitution of the University Catholic Federation of Great Britain,
mostly draft amendments

1 file

2. Governing Committees' Papers

D2/B

(a) Meetings of Governing Bodies

D2/B/1

D2/B/1/1 1922 - 1932

Minutes of Annual General meetings, Executive Committee meetings and General (Council) meetings, including loose-leaf secretary's reports and draft budgets
1 notebook

D2/B/1/2 1932 - 1942

Papers relating to the Annual General meetings, with associated papers and correspondence
1 file

D2/B/1/3 1934 - 1939; 1942 - 1948

Papers of the Executive Committee meetings, including minutes and associated papers
1 notebook and 1 file

D2/B/1/4 1934 - 1942; 1962 - 1964

Papers of General (Council) meetings, including minutes and associated papers
1 file

D2/B/1/5 1932 - 1949

Minutes of other meetings, including business meetings and local auxiliary councils
1 file

(b) Officers' Papers

D2/B/2

(i) Presidents' Papers

D2/B/2/1

D2/B/2/1/1 1940

Report by Dr Francis Aylward entitled "University Catholic Federation of Great Britain - a review of the Catholic student movement, 1920 - 1940"
1 report

(ii) Treasurers' Papers

D2/B/2/2

D2/B/2/2/1 1923/24 - 1941/42

Income and expenditure account book
1 volume

D2/B/2/2/2 1940 - 1942

Financial papers, mostly correspondence and invoices from various companies
1 file

(iii) Secretaries' Papers

D2/B/2/3

2. Governing Committees' Papers - (b) Officers' Papers - (iii) Secretaries' Papers

D2/B/2/3/1 18 May 1939 - 2 March 1940

Letters from various bishops, including Francis Mostyn (archbishop of Cardiff), John Toner (bishop of Dunkeld), Joseph McCormack (bishop of Hexham and Newcastle), George Bennett (bishop of Aberdeen), William Brown (bishop of Pella), Richard Downey (archbishop of Liverpool), Cardinal Hinsley (archbishop of Westminster), William Godfrey (apostolic delegate) to the secretary of the Federation, mostly testimonials on the good work of the organisation

10 letters

D2/B/2/3/2 May 1942 - 19 June 1948; 15 February 1962 - 28 June 1964

Secretaries' correspondence file, mostly of the administration of the Federation and its constituent parts

1 file

3. Conferences and Events

D2/C

D2/C/1/1-5 1931-1936

Photographs of Pax Romana Congresses

18 BW prints and 1 invitation

D2/C/1/1 1931

Photographs of delegates entering the Tower Hall, Fribourg, for a funeral meeting

1 BW print

D2/C/1/2 1932

Photographs of delegates at the Pax Romana Congress in Bordeaux

4 BW prints

D2/C/1/3 1933

Photographs of delegates at the Pax Romana Congress in Luxembourg

6 BW prints

D2/C/1/4 1935

Photographs of delegates at the Pax Romana Congress in Prague and Bratislava

Two photographs with delegate's signatures

5 BW prints

D2/C/1/5 1936

Photographs of delegates at the Pax Romana Congress in Vienna and an invitation to a reception addressed to Miss Mollie Sweeney

2 BW prints & 1 invitation

D2/C/2 February 1954

Programme of the Joint Regional Conference, "Catholics and the social services", held at Sheffield, 12 - 14 February 1954

1 programme

D2/C/3 January 1955

Programme of the Joint Regional Conference, "The liturgical review", held at Loreto College, Manchester, 28 - 30 January 1955

1 programme

4. Printed Material

D2/D

The printed publications in this collection can be found on the Durham University Library catalogue