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Fonds A USP-222 – ROLAND GAUTHIER CASSIEN, O.F.M. Cap. (1915-2004)
1946-1947
0.05 m of textual records. – 93 photographs.

Biographical notes:

Roland Gauthier Cassien, O.F.M. Cap.

R.G. Cassien was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Anthony's Cathedral in Timmins on June 22, 1941. He served at a parish in Ottawa for a short period, followed by three years of missionary work in a small town in Northern Manitoba.

He left in 1946 for India to carry on with his love of missionary work, building churches and schools and teaching in a high school. During his last 5 years in India, he was in charge of all the Capuchin Fathers and encouraged young men of India to enter the priesthood. Except for a short and well-deserved holiday in 1958, he spent 17 years in India returning to Canada in 1963.

In 1966, he served at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Timmins, where he remained for 20 years. Following which he served at Saint Jude Church in Porcupine for 8 years.

In 1993 when his health declined, he served as Chaplain at the Georgian Residence for 5 years. Heart problems forced him to retire in October 1998 to the Capuchin Father's clinic in Montreal where he died on April 26, 2004, at the age of eighty-eight.

Scope and content :

The fonds is composed of a Travel Journal of R.P. Cassien with several photos and images. The journey started in Ottawa, Canada, on November 21, 1946, to end in Allahabad, India.

Immediate source of acquisition :

The travel journal was found in the office of André Paris, Saint Paul University's Chief Librarian, after he passed away in 2012. The journal was then given to the Jean-Léon Allie Library and Archives for safekeeping.

[The initial source of the acquisition is unknown.]

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