

Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

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Finding Aid for Bishop Sherman Subject File

Date range: 1945-1981

CREATOR

Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

EXTENT

Linear Feet: 3.25 linear feet

Number of Containers: 7 banker boxes and 3 small boxes

ABSTRACT

A collection of subject files pertaining to Bishop Jonathan G. Sherman (served 1966-1977). Contains correspondences, lesson plans, reports, economic information, recreational activities, commentary on news events, and ephemera. Part of a larger collection of subject files relative to bishops who served episcopacy for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

LANGUAGES

English

REFERENCE CODE

SF-5

PROCESSING ARCHIVIST

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Collection Details

Historical Note

Born on June 13, 1907, in St. Louis, Missouri, Jonathan Goodhue Sherman attended preparatory school at the Kent School of Kent, Connecticut, and would continue his studies at Yale University, graduating in 1929. He also studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York, earning a Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1933. In June of that year, he was ordained deacon by Bishop Acheson of Connecticut, and later priest the following year at St. John's Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut. In 1938 he became rector of St. Thomas' Church in Bellerose, New York, and would remain there until 1949. On October 12, 1948, Sherman was elected as the Suffragan Bishop of Long Island during the 81st General Convention of the Diocese of Long Island at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. He was consecrated on January 6, 1949, by Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherill, and would serve as suffragan until March 19, 1966, where he was elected Bishop. His election, according to a New York Times article written the day after, was viewed as direct support of the *high church* (beliefs and practices of Christian theology that emphasize rites, sacraments and a priestly authority). Sherman retired on his 70th birthday on June 13, 1977; on October 27, 1989, he died of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut.

Scope & Content

Bishop Sherman is the primary creator of the materials included in this collection. These materials come in the form of letters, reports, newsletters, newspaper clippings, press releases, billings, recreational documents, and ephemera. While Sherman's episcopacy was held 1966-1977, the materials cover the period between 1945 and 1981. Many of the materials are relative to the Diocese of Long Island, thus the geographical provenance of many materials has connections to Long Island, Queens and/or Brooklyn. Examples of this may include church activities, personal interests and communications from the bishop, community involvement, and commentary on current events. However, some materials have been outsourced, particularly letters from various dioceses or institutions out-of-state or internationally. Many of these are relative to current events; examples include episcopal and federal commentary on major world events, such as the Vietnam War (1955-1975) or the United States Civil Rights Movement (1954-1968).

Arrangement Description

This collection was processed at the collection-level; materials and individual items are categorized by folder. Each folder begins with letters "SF" for Subject Files. The initial number, 1-8, signaling which bishop the evidence pertains to. The numbers are attached to individual bishops in order of when they held their episcopacy. For example, 1 would be referring to The Rt. Rev. Abram Littlejohn and 8 would refer to The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano. The final number - separated by a period from the initial number - in two digits, referring to the collection or file itself. For example, a file titled '#SF-5.04' would be a specific subject file referring to items related to Bishop Jonathan Sherman. The folders in the banker boxes are not categorized in any specific order; in terms of organization, these folders were left in the same order as they were when they were first received. The smaller boxes were organized by the processing archivists; two of the three are designated for Bishop Sherman's reports to Rt. Rev. James P. DeWolfe, while the third is miscellaneous, its categorization untouched since its initial receipt.

Related Materials

These subject files are part of a larger group of files pertaining to the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, which can be accessed by contacting its archivist. Other archives may hold information on Bishop Sherman and his episcopacy, including (but not limited to) the Archives of the Episcopal Church at 107 Denson Drive, Austin, TX 78752.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

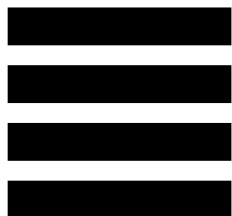
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Subject Headings

This record series is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms:

PERSONS:

DeWolfe, James P.



Martin, Richard B.



Sherman, Jonathan G.



ORGANIZATIONS:

- Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
- Episcopal Service for Youth
- Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity
- General Theological Seminary
- George Mercer School of Theology
- Interdiocesan Committee on Legislation
- Nassau County Council of Churches
- National Council of Episcopal Churches
- Provincial Council Synod
- Smith Haven Ministries

Suffolk County Council of Churches

Teachers of the Children of God

Tithing Committee

Urban Conference

PLACES:

George Mercer School of Theology, Garden City, N.Y. (USA)

Grace Church, New York, N.Y. (USA)

Nassau County, N.Y. (USA)

Queens County, N.Y. (USA)

Trinity Church, Elmont, N.Y. (USA)

Smith Haven Ministries, Coram, N.Y. (USA)

St. Anne & the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N.Y. (USA)

St. David's, Cambria Heights, N.Y. (USA)

St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. (USA)

St. John's Hospital, Smithtown, N.Y. (USA)

Suffolk County, N.Y. (USA)

SUBJECTS:

American civil rights movement

Anti-communist movements

Art and religion

Cold War

Diocesan history

Divorce—Episcopal Church

Economic councils—Episcopal Church

Episcopal Church—United States Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Euthanasia movements

Faith

Libraries—Special collections—Religion

Marriage—Episcopal Church

McCarthyism

Race relations—Episcopal Church
Racial justice—Episcopal Church
Religious articles
Religious education of people with disabilities—Episcopal Church
Religious life
Religious thought
Religious tolerance—Episcopal Church
Remarriage—Episcopal Church
Sexism in religion
Socialism in religion
Spiritual thought
William H. Melish case
Women and religion
Word (Theology)
Worship
Vietnam War, 1961-1975

Using the Collection

ACCESS STATEMENT

Collection access is available upon request.

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PREFERRED CITATION

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