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ARCHIVES OF THE DIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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ACCESS

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Research By Appt. Only:

Finding Aids:

Paper Database Other _____ **Web-based:** EAD HTML Database

Comments on Access:

Use of some collections requires the prior approval of the Chancellor of the Diocese.

COLLECTIONS POLICY / MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Diocesan Archives is to collect, preserve, and make available for research records relating to the history and mission of the Catholic Church in southeast Texas. These collections include both the official records of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, as well as the individuals and organizations active in the Diocese.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF COLLECTIONS

Strengths:

Sacramental records of baptism, marriage, and burial, 1840-2000 (on microfilm; some original registers in the Archives), which include records of parishes now in the Beaumont, Victoria and Tyler dioceses. Papers of the early bishops of the Diocese (1840-1918). Msgr. Anton Frank collection (Texana, including early deeds). Records of diocesan committees and boards. Records of institutions (St. Mary's Orphanage, Galveston). Records of Catholic lay organizations (Holy Name Union, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Youth Organization). Records of diocesan newspaper, the Texas Catholic Herald (1964-present). Deeds and tax receipts for diocesan properties (1840-present). Annual parish reports (1911-present). Photographs, artifacts, publications & serials.

Weaknesses:

The bulk of our materials are unprocessed. We have only limited indexes to the sacramental records. Though the Diocese of Galveston-Houston originally covered most of the Republic of Texas, our records relate primarily to the Houston-Galveston-Beaumont-Tyler area. There are major gaps in the 19th and early 20th century burial records.