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**Benedict Joseph Fenwick Papers, 1808-1846**  
**Archives, Archdiocese of Boston**

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**Introduction**

The Benedict Joseph Fenwick papers held by the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston cover the years 1808-1846. The collection consists of original letters and documents from the year that Fenwick was ordained as a Jesuit [1808] until his death 38 years later. The papers are arranged alphabetically by correspondent in three manuscript boxes.

It appears that the Fenwick papers were first put into some kind of order in the 1930's when Fathers Robert H. Lord, John E. Sexton, and Edward T. Harrington were researching and writing their *History of the Archdiocese of Boston 1604-1943*. At this time the original manuscripts held by the Archdiocese were placed in individual folders and arranged chronologically in file cabinets. One cabinet contained original material and another held typescripts, photostats, and other copies of documents held by other archives that were gathered as part of the research effort. The outside of each folder noted the author and the recipient of the letter. Some of the letters were located in a bound volume along with letters that related to the episcopate of John Bernard Fitzpatrick. These letters had been pasted into the book prior to the time that Lord, Sexton, and Harrington began their research, although the volume was probably rebound at that time. It is possible that the letters had been compiled by either Fenwick or Fitzpatrick and placed randomly in the book.

It is impossible to determine what has happened to the Fenwick papers that are not in the possession of the Archives. The possibility exists that Fenwick did not save all of the letters that he received during his lifetime. The headquarters of the Archdiocese has moved a number of times since Fenwick's episcopate and it is possible that many of these papers were lost during various moves.

In preparing this collection of the original Fenwick material, a register was produced. This register lists the original manuscripts that are in the possession of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston. The register is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and a brief description of each document is included. The description for each item includes: the two parties involved; the date [if known]; the number of pages; a notation informing the researcher if the document is in a foreign language; and a brief summary of the contents of each item.

The register provides the best key to a broad overview of the contents of the papers. In addition to the register, a calendar for the Fenwick papers has been produced which lists all of the documents available in chronological order. The list includes both original Fenwick papers that are held by the Archives and the copies of documents that were collected as a part of the research effort of Lord, Sexton, and Harrington. There is also an addendum of material discovered at a later date and incorporated into the collection.

The items in the collection are filed alphabetically by the name of Fenwick's correspondent. A few items that are written by Fenwick to no identifiable correspondent are filed under "Fenwick, Bishop Benedict Joseph." The "Bishop's Journal" and the papers relating to *Benedicta*, the agrarian community that was started by Fenwick in 1834, are not included here as a part of the Fenwick papers. The Journals are common to several bishops and are kept separately from any other collection [see inventory for the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston, Record Group I.01]. The *Benedicta* papers [see inventory for the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston, Record Group I.04.03] are also kept separate as they do not deal primarily with Fenwick but with the community itself. Any researcher preparing a comprehensive study of Fenwick and his times is encouraged to utilize these two collections.

All of the collection is in manuscript with the exception of several printed documents, official documents from the Vatican, announcements of the opening of St. Vincent Orphan Asylum, and various deeds, bills, and bank drafts. Most of the collection appears to be in the handwriting of the correspondent. Exceptions to this are several official announcements that were sent to the American bishops from Archbishop Samuel Eccleston of Baltimore and some items of Fenwick's that were obviously copied over by secretaries. The great majority of this collection is in English. The official Church documents appear in Latin. Many of the letters from individuals in Quebec are written in French. There is one letter written in Italian and two that are written in Spanish.

The preferred citation to items in these files includes the names of both correspondents, the date, and an indication that the item is to be found in the Fenwick papers of the Archives, together with the box and folder numbers.

Examples:

Rev. John Mahoney to Bishop Fenwick, 5 March 1831; Fenwick Papers [Archives, Archdiocese of Boston], 2.42.

Bishop Fenwick to German Catholics of Boston, 26 November 1837; Fenwick Papers [Archives, Archdiocese of Boston], 2.2.

## Biographical Sketch

September 3, 1782	born, St. Mary's County, Maryland
April 8, 1793	enters Georgetown Academy
June 11, 1808	ordained into the Society of Jesus
1808	sent to New York to work with Anthony Kohlmann, S.J.
June, 1817	appointed president of Georgetown College
November 17, 1818	sent to Charleston, South Carolina with Bishop John England
January, 1825	president of Georgetown College
April 24, 1825	appointed Bishop of Boston by Leo XII
November 1, 1825	consecrated Bishop of Boston
December 4, 1825	appeared before congregation at Cathedral of the Holy Cross
1826-1827	enlarged Cathedral of the Holy Cross
1827	two day schools opened under Fenwick's patronage
September 5, 1829	first issue of <i>The Jesuit</i> appeared
1829	promotor of the first Provincial Council of Baltimore
October 16, 1831	dedicated St. Augustine's Church, South Boston
1831	first attempt to establish a seminary
1832	comprehensive visitation of diocese
May 2, 1832	Sisters of Charity arrive in diocese
1832	school for girls opened by Sisters of Charity
1833	promotor for second Provincial Council of Baltimore
1833	announced plans to found an Irish Catholic colony in Maine
1834	Patrick Donahoe assumed control of The Jesuit
July 7, 1834	purchased land for Benedicta, Maine
August 11, 1834	burning of Ursuline convent at Charlestown
1836	The Jesuit became the Boston Pilot
May 22, 1836	dedicated St. Mary's Church in the North End
December 11, 1836	dedicated St. Patrick's Church, Roxbury
1837	promotor for third Provincial Council of Baltimore
June 11, 1837	Broad Street Riot
1838	St. Vincent de Paul Society founded
1840	promotor for fourth Provincial Council of Baltimore
1842	first Franco-Canadian church founded [Vermont]
1842	outbreak of trusteeism in St. Mary's Church in the North End
1843	senior bishop at fifth Provincial Council of Baltimore
1843	St. John the Baptist ["free church"], Boston, established
1843	Rhode Island and Connecticut become separate diocese
November 1, 1843	College of the Holy Cross, Worcester opens
March 24, 1844	John B. Fitzpatrick consecrated coadjutor of Diocese of Boston
1846	Holy Trinity Church [German parish] completed
August 11, 1846	dies in Boston, Massachusetts

## Scope and Content

The Fenwick papers span the years 1808-1846. The bulk of this material falls within the years covered by Fenwick's episcopate, 1825-1846. Most of the items are of either a personal or an administrative nature. At this time the small size of the diocese [in terms of the number of parishes, priests, and individuals] made it possible for the Bishop to be a direct personal embodiment of the diocese. Fenwick dealt with many issues as they arose on an individual basis. Although financial matters are mentioned by many of his correspondents they usually appear as requests for Fenwick's assistance in discharging various debts and obligations.

The material reflects the changing nature of the diocese during Fenwick's episcopate. In 1825, the year of Fenwick's consecration, the Diocese of Boston encompassed all of the New England states, but the Church in New England did not really exist outside of Boston. The Cathedral of the Holy Cross was the only active parish in Boston. By 1843 there were 38 churches and 68,000 Catholics in New England. In this same year, Fenwick decided to form a separate diocese out of Rhode Island and Connecticut because the area had become too large for one person to administer effectively. This growth is reflected in the letters written by priests who were serving the diocese. There are constant references to new churches that are being built and land that is being purchased on which a church is to be erected.

The greatest internal diocesan problem faced by Fenwick seems to have been the shortage of competent priests. In 1846 there were only 39 priests serving the diocese. Many of the items contained in the collection are from these men documenting the problems they faced in their particular area. The Reverends James Fitton, S.J., Charles D. French, S.J., and Thomas O'Sullivan are three who figure prominently in this regard. Their letters reflect their concerns over debts that their various churches have incurred, the trouble they are having raising money, the spiritual well-being of their congregation and the religious education of children.

During the first twelve years of his episcopate, he was involved with the management of the Charlestown Convent and School conducted by the Ursuline nuns. The convent was burned to the ground in 1834 by an anti-Catholic mob and Fenwick was left with no choice but to send the Ursulines to their convent in Montreal until such time as new accommodations could be secured for both the sisters and their students. There is a fair amount of correspondence related to these events. Many other bishops, priests, and laypeople [both Catholic and Protestant] wrote to express their sympathy and concern over the event. In addition, there is a great deal of correspondence between Fenwick and various Ursuline sisters, particularly Sister Mary Benedict who was the Superior of the convent when the Ursulines returned to Boston in 1838.

Fenwick was a correspondent of Archbishop Samuel Eccleston [Baltimore] and Bishops John DuBois [New York], John Hughes [New York], Francis Kenrick [Philadelphia], Joseph Rosati [St. Louis], and John Purcell [Cincinnati, Ohio]. It is apparent that the bishops discussed problems involved in administering dioceses and that they kept each other informed of events taking place within their respective dioceses. There are hints throughout this correspondence that the bishops were aware of the existence of an "American Church," and

that they hoped this development would lessen anti-Catholicism in the United States. Unfortunately, many of the original Fenwick letters to these bishops are not included in the collection. The archives does possess some copies of these letters that were collected by the Reverends Robert H. Lord, John E. Sexton, and Edward T. Harrington during the time that they were researching and writing their *History of the Archdiocese of Boston 1604-1943*. Lord, Sexton, and Harrington also refer to a letterbook of Fenwick's which shows him to have been a frequent correspondent of Bishops John England [Charleston, South Carolina] and Edward Fenwick [Cincinnati, Ohio] in addition to the bishops mentioned above. The location of this letterbook is unknown; it is not now in the possession of the Archives.

The Fenwick papers suggest that Bishop Fenwick was considered one of the leaders of that segment of the Catholic population who chose to answer the forces of anti-Catholicism directly. Many of his correspondents report incidents of anti-Catholicism to him and inform him of what they have done to respond to their opponents. In one sense, it is logical that Fenwick would emerge as the leader of this group because anti-Catholicism was extremely visible in New England.

Fenwick was concerned about the American Indians in Maine and this is visible in the collection. The Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indians were frequently without a resident priest after 1820 and this was a concern of both the bishop and the Indians. It was difficult for Fenwick to supply a priest when there was such a grave shortage of priests within the diocese. Fenwick himself visited the Indians on a fairly regular basis to administer the sacraments and to celebrate the Mass.

In 1834 Fenwick purchased land in Aroostook County, Maine, which was to be used for the establishment of a rural Catholic community. The original idea was to give the Irish immigrants who were crowded into various sections of the city of Boston a chance to live out of the city. The town was called Benedicta and Fenwick maintained a lively interest in the community for several years. The information available on this particular community in the Fenwick papers is sparse and the researcher's attention is directed to the "Bishop's Journal" and the three volumes of Benedicta letters for a fuller treatment of the subject.

The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, opened on November 1, 1843. Fenwick had been trying to establish a college and seminary within the diocese since his arrival. As a former president of what was then Georgetown College, Fenwick had had experience as an educator. In addition, a seminary in the diocese would hopefully alleviate the problems caused by a severe shortage of priests. The collection does contain letters relating to the establishment of this institution, but does not document the transition of Mt. St. James Academy [a school established by Rev. James Fitton, S.J. which was financially unsuccessful] to the College of the Holy Cross.

The Fenwick papers contain some evidence that problems over lay trusteeism occurred with some amount of frequency within the diocese. The letters to Fenwick from the priests and laity under his jurisdiction often detail complaints about a pastor and the series of events leading to a confrontation between the pastor and his congregation. This posed problems for Fenwick because he constantly had to transfer priests who could not get along with their respective congregations. The researcher interested in trusteeism is also advised to consult the

"Bishop's Journal" for further information on the various controversies. Although Fenwick did not approve of trusteeism, he often seems to have been forced to tolerate it.

Although there are gaps within the Fenwick collection, it should prove to be of great value to researchers. The collection contains letters to Fenwick from people who had never known him requesting his help in solving their problems. Although the responses are not recorded, it is apparent that people looked upon Fenwick as a kindly and wise person who was always willing to settle disputes and solve problems. He was respected by Catholics and Protestants alike. For many people, Fenwick was the Catholic Church in New England.

When Benedict J. Fenwick died in 1846 he left a thriving diocese in an area that 20 years earlier had contained only one church of any note. This was perhaps his most noteworthy achievement. The use of this collection in conjunction with the "Bishop's Journal" should allow the researcher to explore in detail the history of the Archdiocese of Boston during the years 1825-1846.

#### **Addendum, 1832-1844**

Letters were found pasted into a volume marked "Papers relative to Fr. Rasle, S.J., and to Indian affairs of Bishop Fenwick." There were 56 items, some including one or more enclosures.

A large number of these papers deal with the erection of a monument to Fr. Sebastian Rasle, a Jesuit missionary who was killed by the English in the 18th century during a raid on the village of Norridgewbck, Maine, where he served the Abenaki tribe. Impetus for this monument came from Maine residents, who petitioned Edward Kavanaugh, a member of Congress from that state. Kavanaugh in turn referred the matter to Bishop Benedict Fenwick of Boston. Fenwick gathered information on Fr. Rasle from Bishop Simon Bruté of Vincennes among others and eventually erected the monument. This was vandalized at one point; a letter from the non-Catholic William Allen of Norridgewock expresses the indignation of the community at this action.

Other letters related to Indian affairs were written to Bishop Fenwick by the two early Maine missionaries to the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes, Fr. Louis-Edmond Demillier and Fr. Auguste Petithomme. In addition, letters from the Penobscots, Edward Kavanaugh, the U.S. office of Indian affairs, and the U.S. Treasury outline the history of government appropriations for Catholic work among the Maine Indians.

There are several items in this collection which do not relate to Indian affairs. Among these are Bishop Fenwick's letters to the priests and people of St. Mary's parish in Boston concerning dispute over the pastorate there. Several drafts of Fenwick's reports to the Propagation of the Faith in Paris are included, which describe the state of the diocese. In addition, several personal Fenwick items appear, including letters of ordination and episcopal consecration and a 36-page "Narrative of a Journey in 1818" describing a trip from Georgetown College to Sugar Loaf Mountain in Maryland.

Papers listed in this addendum have been physically incorporated into the folders and boxes holding the main collection of Fenwick papers and should be used in conjunction with these papers, as well as with the other sources mentioned in the Guide to those papers.

## Document List (A-Z) with Abstracts

### Box & Folder #

[indicates addendum papers]

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| 1.1  | Acton, Cardinal<br>To F,<br>Hopes that he will be able to render service to the U.S., especially to F and Diocese of Boston.<br>1 p.  | Rome<br>24 January 1842                                       |
| 1.1a | Allen, William<br>1. To F,<br>Has inquired about purchasing land for a memorial to Father Rasle but the owner is loathe to sell; if F wishes to buy the small lot offered, he should send A \$100 in payment; describes terrain of site offered; includes statement by Warren Preston on location of Rasle's grave.<br>4 pp.<br><br>2. To F,<br>Informs F of vandalism of the monument to Father Rasle; the shaft was pushed over and the cross taken; the "most respectable part" of the community was indignant at the outrage, and the monument has been reerected; asks for a copy of F's history of Fr. Rasle; signs himself "a Protestant."<br>3 pp.<br><br>3. To F,<br>Notifies F of taxes due on Fr. Rasle's monument as well as amount owed for re-erection; asks F for \$5 to pay these debts; will write to assessors at Madison about discontinuing the tax lest it be a "monument of their illiberal minds."<br>1 p. | Norridgewock, Maine<br>20 December 1832<br><br>24 August 1836 |
| 1.2  | Andrews, James<br>1. To F,<br>Concerns legacy of \$200 left to religious institutions by William Fitzgerald; suggests ways money can be divided among them; offers plan to relinquish money to widow of Fitzgerald.<br>2 pp.<br><br>2. To F,<br>Explains why F has not received legacy left by William Fitzgerald; assures F that he will get it.<br>2 pp.  | Saratoga Springs, N.Y.<br>1 February 1845                     |
| 1.3  | Angela of St. Theresa, Sister<br>To F,<br>Requests prayers for nephew and niece; hopes that F will visit again soon; the nuns are sickly; the school is in danger of closing.<br>3 pp.  | Mount Carmel, Baltimore<br>9 September 1842                   |
| 1.4  | Anorem, H.<br>To F,   | Massachusetts Bank, Boston<br>1 July 1826                     |

Bill of sale for bank stock.  
1 p.

- 1.5 Badin, Rev. Stephen Bardstown  
To F, 5 December 1829  
Sends information concerning parishes in Diocese of Bardstown; regrets that he was unable to send it sooner; encourages the publication of *The Jesuit*; it will do much for the heightening of Catholic esteem.  
3 pp.
- 1.6 Baldwin, Christopher Worcester  
To F, 28 August 1833  
Is pleased that F plans to write biography of Father Rasles; regrets that he is unable to locate memoir that F requested; assures F that if it is still in existence he will find it.  
2 pp.
- 1.7 Bally, Rev. H. Gossenhoppen, PA  
To F, 8 November 1843  
Asks F to procure a bell for the church; gives instructions for sending the bell.  
2 pp.
- 1.8 Barber, Mary Boston, Mass.  
1. To F, 5 March 1844  
States that she has been named trustee in will of Sister Catherine M. Wiseman; appoints F her attorney.  
1 p.
2. To F, 6 March 1844  
Deed acknowledging the receipt of \$1000 from F for land in Charlestown.  
2 pp. [5 copies]
- 1.9 Bartlett, George Marblehead [Mass.]  
To F, 14 March 1840  
Relates death of Mr. I.F. Bartlett; Mrs. Bartlett requests High Mass and prayers.  
1 p.
- 1.10 Bayer, Rev. Benedictus Baltimore  
To F, 21 May 1841  
Discusses German priest, Rev. Josephus Müller, who wishes to come to America; asks F to arrange situation.  
1 p.
- 1.11 Benedict, Sister Mary Ursuline Convent, Quebec 1835-1840  
1. To F, 6 August 1835  
Thanks F for his letter; discusses affair of Sister St. George and Mrs. Barrymore; recalls times at Mt. Benedict with F; is content after her retreat; the Sisters are well.  
10 pp.
2. To F, 7 September 1835  
The Sisters are happy; asks that F write more often; requests that F specify each letter he receives from her; the Sisters send their regards.  
6 pp.
3. To F, 19 May 1836

Relates the departure of Sister St. George to New Orleans; the young girls are doing well; the Sisters are well and happy.  
4 pp.

4. To F, 23 June 1836  
Regrets that Mr. and Mrs. Williams left Boston without seeing F; satisfaction with new Superior; gift of new organ.  
4 pp.
5. To F, 17 July 1836  
Begs that F write soon; has been ill; Mother St. Henry injured; inquires about Mt. Benedict and money F will send.  
4 pp.
6. To F, September 1837  
Discusses qualifications of various Sisters for position of Superior in Boston; suggests how F should deal with a Superior; outlines suggested course of instruction for students; she is very ill; F will not receive this until after her death; requests that F never divulge contents. Also includes statement written and signed by John B. Fitzpatrick, 3rd Bishop of Boston, 5 February 1855. Relates events of life of Sister Mary Benedict; rebellion against dissolving of re-established Ursuline Convent in Charlestown; formal excommunication from order; calumny of F; reconciliation through letter with F before death.  
47 pp.
7. To F, 18 November 1837  
Health is improved; wishes that a convent be re-established in Boston; asks for encouragement regarding the community's return.  
4 pp.
8. To F, 26 December 1837  
Wishes F Happy Holidays; relates humorous incident; hopes to return to Boston in the spring; Sisters are in poor health due to weather; this may hasten return; begs that he send decisive information regarding return.  
12 pp.
9. To F, 3 January 1838  
Is concerned about letters reaching F; financial situation of Miss Kelley; money of Miss Dellhène will go to Boston community if it is reestablished.  
3 pp.
10. To F, 6 January 1838  
Is relieved that letters arrived safely; war is inevitable; is pleased with Miss Delhène; health is good; hopes that F will send for the Sisters; regrets that he has met with an accident.  
7 pp.
11. To P, 5 April 1838  
Has sent money owed to F; begs F to allow return to Boston.  
2 pp.
12. To F, 18 January 1840  
Encloses letter from Superior of Ursuline Community in Charleston, S.C.; discusses confusion about \$3000 accidentally sent there.  
2 pp.
13. To F, 29 February 1840

Encloses letter from Sr. Mary McCarthy, Charleston, S.C., to Sr. Joseph, Quebec concerning latter's transferral to Charleston.  
3 pp.

- 1.12 Benedict Sister Mary Ursuline Convent, Quebec and Boston 1840-1845
1. To F, 10 June 1840  
Relates arrival in new convent in Roxbury; the Sisters are busy; there are more boarders; is anxious for his return from Baltimore.  
3 pp.
  2. To F, 5 July 1840  
Mr. O'Keeffe's niece Maria is illegitimate; she has allowed her to remain at convent; hopes F is not displeased.  
2 pp.
  3. To F, 9 August 1840  
Acknowledges receipt of \$99 from F.  
1 p.
  4. To F, 8 September 1840  
Asks advice about what reply to send to New Orleans; she cannot support the Ursuline community; would not ask financial help under ordinary circumstances; hopes that these problems will soon be alleviated.  
2 pp.
  5. To F, 24 November 1840  
Encloses bill; regrets that she must trouble F with it.  
1 p.
  6. To F, 3 February 1840  
Lists supplies used by Ursuline Community and their cost; requests that F pay the bill.  
7 pp.
  7. From F, 19 October 1841  
F cannot allow her to remain alone in the former Ursuline Convent in Roxbury; it is prohibited by Council of 1829 in Baltimore for Mass to be said in a private home; advises her to follow instructions F gave in previous letter.  
2 pp.
  8. To F, 21 October 1841  
Complains that F has not answered question she asked in previous letter; she may be alone up to three months; wants to know how she will attend Mass; Baltimore Council decision has often been overruled; she is entitled to Mass.  
3 pp.
  9. To F, 27 December 1843  
She is quite ill; has medical expenses; requests financial aid from F.  
5 pp.
  10. To F, 10 February 1844  
Owes \$1000; cannot live much longer; if F will send money she will go wherever he wishes.  
2 pp.
  11. To F, 16 February 1844

She has been very ill; her expenses have been great; owes \$1000; requests that F pay the bill; will sign any papers relative to Mt. Benedict.  
4 pp.

12. To F, 16 July 1844  
Will soon be able to go to convent in Kaskaskia; asks that F write a letter requesting admission.  
1p.

13. To F, 14 January 1845  
She has reached Kaskaskia safely; greeted warmly; troubled by disrespect she showed F; asks forgiveness.  
2 pp.

14. To F, 7 April 1845  
Informs F of a last bill to be paid; Rev. Maguire assured her that F would pay it; she is in great debt to F; begs forgiveness; Mr. O'Keeffe asks payment of bill that was already paid.  
4 pp.

1.13 Binney, Amos Boston  
To F, 10 October 1845  
Promissory note with list of interest payments.  
2 pp.

1.14 Blanc, Bishop Anthony New Orleans  
1. To F, 9 September 1834  
A sum of \$3000 has been raised in the diocese for a new Ursuline Convent; he will send check soon; encloses names of subscribers to *The Jesuit*.  
2 pp.

2. To F, 18 March 1839  
He has drawn sum of \$120 from Boston bank for Grace Clemente Aaron; doubts latter's ability to persevere in convent; has appointed Rev. Rousselon Vicar General.  
1 p.

3. To F, 8 November 1839  
Reports death of Rev. Vincente Aaron in Mexico; requests direction from F on how to handle the former's affairs; sickness in the state and the city.  
2 pp.

4. To F, 21 June 1842  
Asks F about bank book; would F withdraw money for John and Margaret Reddock; has been on parish tour; construction of new church; need for more priests.  
2 pp.

5. To F, 10 January 1844  
Requests opinion of F on choice of coadjutor; concerned that choice suits all; cannot foresee when court will decide about \$2000 damage.  
2 pp.

1.15 Boland, Tobias Worcester, undated  
Financial account of building and repairs done at the College of the Holy Cross.  
7 pp.

1.16 Boston Clergy Boston, Mass.

- From F, undated  
Announces opening of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum; outlines organization and rules for direction.  
2 pp.
- 1.17 Bouillard, Frederick Boston  
To F, 9 November 1841  
Receipt for bank book from Frederick Bouillard.  
1 p.
- 1.18 Bourget, Bishop Ignatius Montreal  
To F, [in French] 1 December 1841  
The Abbe [Pierre Mignault] is still in Burlington, Vermont; requests that he remain there; has no priests to spare.  
1 p.
- 1.19 Bowditch, Nathaniel [Boston, Mass?]  
To F, 28 August 1845  
Bill for services re South Boston church; also contains unsigned endorsement by John B. Fitzpatrick  
1 p.
- 1.20 Brady, Rev. John Cornish [NH] and Hartford [CT]  
1. To F, 23 April 1834  
Hopes that F will postpone visit to Claremont until next year; has done no repairs on house or church; wants to take up collection in Boston for that purpose.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 25 September 1838  
Asks F to make Revs. Dealy and Fitton refund collection from mission to him; he is in debt; he needs priests or will have to leave New England; is ill.  
2 pp.
3. To F, 7 April 1840  
The mission at Chatham is broken up; parishioners have gone to New London; requests permission to go to them there.  
1 p.
4. To F, 2 March 1843  
Church in Cabotsville, [Massachusetts] is too small; debt must be paid before building Springfield church; inform him if F has given part of mission to Rev. Lynch.  
3 pp.
- 1.21 Brent, John Carroll Washington, [DC]  
To F, 31 August 1845  
Encloses transcription of old papers which F requested: Letter from Lord Baltimore, dated October 20, 1687; and patent of King James II for land in Virginia, dated February 16, 1686.  
4 pp.
- 1.22 Brimmer, Mayor Martin Boston  
1. From F, 28 January 1843  
Protests a certain history textbook used in Boston public schools as anti-Catholic; requests that the Boston School Committee review it and other textbooks; includes 10 pp. list of objections to the text book in question and explanation of what F considers to be the anti-Catholic portions of the book.  
3 pp.
2. To F, 8 April 1843

The use of the history book has been discontinued as voted by the last meeting of the Boston School Committee. Enclosed: resolution signed by the Secretary of the Committee.  
2 pp.

- 1.23 Bruté, Bishop Simon Emmitsburg, MD & Vincennes, IN
1. To F, [in French] 1832  
Excerpts of a letter from Pere de la Chasse, Superior of the Jesuits in New France, to another member of the order, 29 October 1724; relates death of Rasle during English attack on his Maine village; extolls character and virtue of Rasle as well as his work with the Indians.  
2 pp. & 7 pp. English translation [in oversize box]
  2. To F, 1832  
Concerns Rev. Sebastian Rasle, S.J., French missionary to the Indians in Maine; includes geographical information on Maine and excerpts from two letters written by Fr. Rasle; in letter to his nephew, 15 October 1722, Rasle describes his church in the village, the 40 Indian men who assist him at devotions, the chapels he has built, the piety of the Indians; in letter to his brother, 12 October 1723, Rasle describes journey from France in 1689 learning Indian language, years in Illinois, return to Maine, piety of Indians, conversation with governor of New England about the Indians, English desire to remove him and replace him with a minister, destruction of his church and dispute over its reconstruction. Bruté's comments are interspersed.  
4 pp. [in oversize box]
  3. To F, 1832  
Sends list of books dealing with early history of Maine, many the work of French missionaries; thanks F for asking for the account of Fr. Rasle; F should try to recover Rasle's papers at Cambridge; asks F to send him the catechism of the Unitarians.  
2 pp. [in oversize box]
  4. To F, 26 November 1833  
Has read account of first Mass in Boston in National Gazette; encloses transcription of letters which give different accounts.  
3 pp.
  5. To F, [in French] 26 January 1834  
Has sent contributions; explains articles on marriage and virginity that he had sent previously; remarks about Protestants.  
3 pp.
  6. To F, [in French] 17 April 1834  
A reduction in charges for a prospective seminary student is being considered; the administration of the college at Emmitsburg is changing; he has become the Superior of the Seminary; asks for F's blessing before he goes to Vincennes. Enclosed: letter concerning reduction of charges from Richard Whelan.  
3 pp.
  7. To F, [in French] 9 November 1836  
Quotes from books on early Maine history concerning missions, Indians, influence of liquor on Indians; expresses admiration for early missionaries.  
4 pp.
  8. To F, 5 April 1839

States that the public is being led to believe that there is a paucity of prospective priests; this is untrue; complains that he is unable to depend on his coadjutor; warns F against certain priest who has been in England and may try to come back to America under assumed name; reports on number of Ursuline houses in Europe.  
4 pp.

- 1.24 Butler, Dr. Samuel East Berkshire, Vermont  
1. To F, 27 January 1837  
Has been a Protestant all of his 50 years; lately recognized slander of Protestants against Catholics; Catholicism is true Church; requests that F send Catholic newspapers.  
3 pp.
2. To F, 28 September 1837  
Regrets that he missed F's visit to Vr; has been baptized; feeling effects of bigotry in his profession; wishes to write letter in newspaper to address public on his behalf.  
2 pp.
3. To F, 14 August 1840  
He is a sinful man; is grateful for his conversion; the Church should make its periodicals more widely available; he is certain more men would convert.  
2 pp.
4. To F, 1 December 1841  
His family is Protestant; he still attends services although he is Catholic; Catholic Priest has denied him communion until he agrees to stop attending the services in question; asks F's advice.  
2 pp.
- 1.25 Byrne, Edward Albany  
To F, 1 March 1843  
Promissory note for \$30,000; requests F to acknowledge the above draft.  
1 p.
- 1.26 Byrne, Rev. Patrick Boston  
To F, 11 October 1825  
Rev. William Taylor plans to leave Boston as soon as F arrives from Baltimore; he has done much to soothe Protestant-Catholic relations; a committee has been formed to defer his departure; adds in postscript that Taylor will stay if F wishes.  
3 pp.
- 1.27 Campbell, B. Ellicott's Mills  
To F, 24 January 1844  
Asks F for information on the history of the church in New York; hopes to trace the history of the First Amendment of the Constitution; relates what he knows of de la Poterie; inquires about the history of the Jesuits in the U.S.  
3 pp.
- 1.28 Canavan, Rev. Patrick New Bedford  
To F, 10 March 1834  
There are a small number of Catholics in his preparation for Easter duty among Catholics; district; not many communicants; many are unenthusiastic  
2 pp.
- 1.29 Carrière, Abbé M. Paris, France

- To F, [in French] 19 August 1842  
Reports on various priests in Carriere's diocese; he is pleased with Rev. Goodwin; Rev. O'Brien is somewhat irresponsible; Rev. Lyndon is a good leader; sends money for priests who are returning.  
3 pp.
- 1.30 Cassidy, Edward Boston  
To F, 14 April 1840  
Promissory note for \$168.75.  
1 p.
- 1.31 Catholic Congress of Portland, Maine Portland  
From F, 6 November 1838  
A balance of \$3000 is owed to Rev. Charles Ffrench; surplus money over \$500 to be paid to incumbent clergyman after liquidation of congregation.  
2 pp.
- 1.32 Chalcedon, Archbishop of Paris  
To F, [in French] 18 January 1839  
Regrets that he must recall Rev. Edmond Demillier from Passamaquoddy Indians a priest can no longer stay alone on a mission; another priest cannot be spared.  
1 p.
- 1.33 Charitable Irish Society Boston  
From F, 22 March 1832  
Acknowledges donation of \$25 for Sisters of Charity.  
1 p.
- 1.34 Chance, Rev. John J. Baltimore  
To F, 2 May 1840  
Asks that F come a few days early for council; misses him and wishes to spend some time with him; St. Charles Church will be completed in the fall.  
2 pp.
- 1.35 Chartier, Rev. William St. Albans, Vermont  
To F, 27 May 1839  
Irish Catholics in the area wish him to become the minister for their congregation; they have petitioned F about it; he does not wish to be nominated; he will be rejected; he is in disfavor with his Bishop.  
2 pp.
- 1.36 Comferford, Patrick Boston  
From F, 11 May 1840  
Deed for sale of pews in St. Patrick Church.  
1 p.
- 1.37 Comstock, William and Mary Charlestown, [Mass.]  
To F, 20 October 1839  
His wife desires that she and the four children be baptized; he had mistaken impression about the Church; brought up a Quaker; lost respect for all religion; exposed to Catholic literature; wife visited by Holy Spirit; wishes family to be received into Church.  
3 pp.
- 1.38 Corry, Rev. John Providence

- To F, 30 November 1841  
 Thanks F for settling boys' account in Montreal; funds are low; he performed baptisms F mentioned but not for sake of money; has performed marriages of people in other parishes to oblige them; debt of church is \$3000; difficult to raise money; when the congregation pays debt he will leave.  
 4 pp.
- 1.39 Coudrin, Abbé Pierre-Joseph, Superior of Rouen, [France]  
 Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. 1836  
 To F, [in French] 17 July 1833  
 Sends two missionary priests at F's request; asks that they not be separated; F will be pleased with them; asks that F send word about them from time to time. Enclosed: explanatory note, undated, initialed by John B. Fitzpatrick.  
 2 pp.
- From F,  
 Relates history of Revs. Petithomme and Demillier in Diocese of Boston: had been assigned to Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes, respectively, in Maine; due to troubles caused by one of the Indians, P asked F's permission to leave diocese for a mission among French Canadians in Nova Scotia; F reluctantly gave permission; D has not changed his mission but has had great success, F states P was always a good priest and offers to forward any of Superiors letters. Draft of letter.  
 8 pp.
- 1.40 Coursy, Edward and Mary Boston  
 To F, 10 March 1843  
 Receipt for bank book from Edward and Mary Coursy.  
 1 p.
- 1.40a Crawford, F. Hartley, Office of Indian Affairs Washington, D.C.  
 1. To F, 29 November 1842  
 Reports on \$300 allowance to be sent F for the education of the Indians [in Maine].  
 1 p.
2. To F, 23 February 1844  
 Acknowledges receipt of F's draft for \$600, 2 years allowance for the education of Indians paid from the Civilization fund; a requisition will be charged to F until he submits accounts.  
 1 p.
3. To F, 21 April 1845  
 Asks F for an account of the application of \$600 advanced him for the education of Indians.  
 1 p.
4. To F, 1 May 1845  
 Encloses a copy of a 25 July 1843 circular from the Indian Affairs Office concerning the submission of accounts for money received from the civilization fund.  
 1 p. & enclosure.
- 1.41 Curley, Rev. James Philadelphia  
 To F, 11 August 1840  
 Has met man with family who wishes to become farmer on F's lands; knows how to run mill; hopes F will agree.  
 2 pp.
- 1.42 Curtis, George T. Boston

- To F, 6 April 1842  
 He has submitted report to Legislature concerning ascertaining value of destroyed Ursuline property; wishes evidence to submit to committee.  
 2 pp.
- 1.43 Daly, Rev. John B. Middlebury, [Vermont]  
 1. To F, 9 December 1839  
 A beautiful church has been built; wants no pews in the church; in debt \$6000 to builder; asks money from other diocesan parishes and from F; concerned about impiety and lack of dedication to church of Irish Catholics.  
 5 pp.
2. To F, 10 April 1840  
 Received F's regulations for Lent; church is still \$400 in debt; will try to get money from other missions; is prepared to travel to do so.  
 2 pp.
- 1.44 David, Bishop John Bardstown [Kentucky]  
 1. To F, 10 February 1833  
 Impossible for him and F to be sole writers for *The Jesuit*; he is not a great composer but will send music F requested; if he had another priest to teach he could devote time to music.  
 2 pp.
2. To F, 22 April 1834  
 F has too high opinion of his musical talent; has sent roll of music and hymn books; is looking for subscribers to *The Jesuit*; furor over Rev. Chabrat's nomination as coadjutor for the Diocese of Bardstown; Rev. Charon in France also plans music periodical.  
 2 pp.
- 1.45 Deluol, Rev. Louis Baltimore  
 1. To F, 24 February 1834  
 Rev. John De]nelan is ill and must return home; various priests wish Mt. St. Mary's to be turned over to St. Suplice Society; warns F that Society is incapable of doing good; it is F's fault if he continues to praise it; anxious to have Ceremonies in print.  
 3 pp.
2. To F, 10 November 1839  
 Regrets that he cannot recommend A. Barron for ordination in good conscience.  
 2 pp.
3. To F, 20 January 1841  
 Requests that F help Peterson family; Archbishop Eccleston is unhealthy.  
 2 pp.
- 1.46 Demillier, Rev. Louis- Edmond Pleasant Point and Old Town [Maine]  
 1. To F, [in French] 11 March 1835  
 Hopes to see affairs improve between Indians and Maine government; is helping the Indians in any way he can; they wish F to visit them.  
 3 pp.
2. To F, [in French] 29 October 1836

The Indian township is to be sold, although the Indians are not in favor of this; his people have been very upset about the war between the Seminoles and the Americans in the south; he has tried to calm them; but they haven't been coming to him; could not prevent the departure of Mr. Petithomme; his church is still only half-finished; has been working on his Indian catechism; wishes to spend some time at Eastport learning English.

3 pp.

3. To F, [in French]

12 April 1837

Reports on his mission among the Passamaquoddies; representative sent to Augusta has brought back letter reassuring them about sale of township but some still think it has only been postponed a year; has not been able to work much on his prayerbook; it will be hard to have the book accepted by those poisoned by Protestants; wants to reopen school; gives statistics on tribe; Indians still want a monstrance.

3 pp.

4. To F, [in French]

19 February 1838

Response is delayed as he has been in Nova Scotia attending to Mr. Petithomme who is ill; the Irish are having a problem, as Mr. French asked D to serve them in his absence while there is another arrangement with Mr. Gilliga; does not want to meddle in their affairs; the Indians are dispersed for the winter as usual; there is peace among them, troubled only by two Penobscots who desire revolution; he is not taking sides in the Indian problems concerning the sale of land; the Indians will do as F wishes as regards change of their government; has been much occupied with his Indian catechism; continues to teach school; Indians do not wish to learn English.

5 pp.

5. To F, [in French]

[1839]

Preparing to depart for France; internal dissension in Indian tribe; apologizes for delay in leaving.

2 pp.

6. To F, [in French]

25 May 1839

Rev. Petithomme has visited him before leaving for Valparaiso; he and P are having difficulty financing their trips; D's Irish and Indian flocks do not support him; describes Indian troubles; older people are coming to him, some from St. John, New Brunswick, for First Communion since they do not trust interpreters; the Indians want to write to F so D will not hinder them; has a Canadian student living with him who wishes to be a priest; asks if F can help the boy.

3 pp.

7. To F, [in French]

18 December 1839

Mr. Petithomme has only been gone a few days but he is already lonely; the French at Old Town are mostly satisfied with their priest; the Penobscots are docile and should not be a trouble to P; there are many interpreters and many speak French; D's church hasn't been finished because of the cold; his Indians have raised money for a monstrance; asks F's help in obtaining one; discusses Benediction service as conducted in France; the Indians are well despite the cold; drunkenness has disappeared.

2 pp.

8. To F, [in French]

15 September 1840

Illness prevents his departure; includes transcription of letter sent by Passamaquoddies to the Iroquois; hopes problems are settled.

3 pp.

9. To F, [in French]

14 September 1842

Just received F's letter of months before telling him when to leave; asks if he can wait until the next boat; pardon his unwitting disobedience.  
2 pp.

10. To F, [in French] 6 January 1843  
Arrived at Indian Old Town; conflict ever-present between Penobscots & Maine government.  
2 pp.
- 1.47 Devereux, Nicholas Utica, [New York]  
To F, 13 October 1841  
Late Luke Tiernan's financial problems; railroad being built from Utica to Boston; growing number of Catholics in Utica.  
3 pp.
- 1.48 Dimin, Francis St Albans [Vermont]  
To F, 6 August 1840  
Introduces himself to F; praises the priest that F has sent them; asks F how to deal with a "practical atheist"/"nominal Catholic" who is refusing to give up money belonging to the church; church has purchased new property.  
2 pp.
- 1.49 Doland, Daniel Boston  
To F, 14 January 1846  
Promissory note for \$10.  
1 p.
- 1.50 Donellan, Rev. John P. Baltimore, Maryland  
To F, 20 February 1834  
Thought Superior had already written; due to poor health doctor has advised him to return to Boston or to leave the seminary; his family is not aware that he has been sick; he thinks that they have returned to the Church.  
3 pp.
- 1.51 Drouillet, R. Castrie, St. Lucia  
To F, 15 January 1828  
Bank draft accepted by F on 6 March 1828.  
1 p.
- 1.52 DuBois, Bishop John New York  
1. To F, 17 April 1834  
Continues discussion concerning the granting of faculties to priests from other dioceses who do not possess the appropriate papers, cites the example of Rev. Walsh who was granted faculties due to a shortage of priests; discusses the corporation organized by the church in Nyack; supports the acceptance of Protestants into Catholic colleges.  
3 pp. [original and photocopy]
2. To F, 25 January 1836  
Proposes that the property and buildings of the Diocesan College and Seminary in New York be held in the names of the Bishops of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia; does not want seminary to end up controlled by lay trustees; Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia has already approved the plan; asks for F's approval.  
2 pp.
3. To F, 24 February 1836

Agrees with F that the 3 Bishops should discuss management of college and seminary; has requested Rev. James Cummiskey to return article of agreement that placed him in charge of the seminary; thinks Cummiskey should be given the job as there are certain areas which need immediate attention; includes articles of agreement between himself and Cummiskey; asks for F's opinion on the matter.

3 pp.

4. To F, 1 May 1836  
States that it is imperative that a meeting take place concerning the seminary at Nyack; the delay has caused some confusion and Rev. Cummiskey had already begun work; asks F to set a meeting time so that he may inform Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia; has refused faculties to Rev. Marshall as a pastor but is willing for him to manage the farm and buildings at Nyack.

3 pp.

5. To F, 16 May 1836  
Requests that F arrive in New York on the Wednesday evening after Whitsunday to discuss plans for the seminary at Nyack with Kenrick and himself.

1 p.

Pasted on sheet of paper reverse of which contains:

1. Letter of Michael A. Corrigan, Bishop Elect of Newark to John J. Williams, Bishop of Boston, Easter 1873; 1 p.
2. Fragment of letter, November 1874, containing autograph of Michael A. Corrigan.
3. Fragment of letter, 1839, containing autograph of William Tyler, Bishop of Hartford.
4. Fragment of letter, 1838, containing autograph of James O. Van de Velde, Bishop of Chicago.

- 1.53 Dubuisson, Rev. Stephen New York  
To F, 9 October 1841  
Reports that the missionaries sent by F have arrived in Havana and are doing well; he is not feeling very well; tells story about Oxford divines.  
1 p.
- 1.54 Dzieronsinski, Rev. Francis, SJ Georgetown College  
To F, 25 January 1843  
Accepts F's invitation to the Jesuits to operate a school in the diocese [College of the Holy Cross, Worcester]; argues that it should be a day school and not a boarding school; hopes that F will accept the situation.  
2 pp.
- 1.55 Eccleston, Archbishop Samuel Baltimore  
1. From F, 11 August 1836  
States conditions necessary for establishing a Visitation Sisters' convent and school in diocese of Boston: consent of parents of candidates, superior of order, and E himself; selection of proper sisters to staff school; sufficient means to begin school. States foundation would be very beneficial to Boston since there is only one other school in city; asks E's opinion of project.  
3 pp.
2. To F, 15 February 1837  
Encloses questions in Latin to be submitted to the Provincial Council to be held in Baltimore; expresses concern about Detroit; discounts one question as not being applicable to his diocese; suggests when F should arrive at the Provincial Council.  
1 p.
3. To F, 24 February 1837

Encloses updated list of questions for Provincial Council in Latin; relates that Rev. Clancey has applied for transfer; agrees with Bishop Brute that nine more bishops should be named by the Provincial Council; hopes that, if they are Irish, they will understand the American people; prefers delaying creation of new sees until American candidates can be found.  
5 pp.

4. To F, 21 June 1837  
Apologizes for not writing due to absence from see; wants to move cautiously in establishing new Catholic press; suggests trial of press with new catechism and spelling book; relates Rev. Mulledy's [?] fear that he will be named Bishop DuBois' coadjutor; comments on the "Yankee" attack of an Irish procession.  
3 pp.
5. To F, 13 November 1837  
Furnishes substance and Latin text of documents received from the Propaganda; John Hughes appointed coadjutor of New York; states that Bishops have been appointed in Nashville, Natchez and Dubuque; only bishop who has supported Eccleston with press is F; requests that F take charge of preparing the new catechism; expresses concern over F's accident; relates the establishment of the Sisters of the Visitation in Baltimore.  
4 pp.
6. To F, 7 December 1837  
Wishes F agreed with him about publication of new catechism; agrees that Rev. John Larkin should be part of hierarchy; enumerates problems with doing this; suggests ways to accomplish this.  
3 pp.
7. To F, 4 October 1838  
Includes a copy of a letter [in Latin] from the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide concerning catechisms for Indians; explains his silence on the subject of the see of Natchez; will recommend Vandavelde as Vicar Apostolic at Natchez; Bp. Brute desires a coadjutor; catechism has been completed; does not want to publish it without having the bishops see it so will publish a small edition to send them to be approved.  
4 pp. [incomplete]
8. To F, 24 October 1839  
Apologizes for not writing sooner; settled quarrel between Hughes and DuBois in New York; requests F to place his order for catechisms; comments on mob action in Baltimore; expects F in Baltimore for dedication of new convent.  
2 pp.
9. To F, 10 February 1840  
Calls Council for 1840 in Latin; accepts F's reasons for wanting to delay Council but he cannot do it; apologizes for delay in publishing the catechism; hopes catechism will appear soon; expresses pleasure that Rev. Williamson is in Boston with F.  
3 pp.
10. To F, 24 August 1840  
Wishes he could get to Boston soon; prospects for school are good but expresses concern about \$30,000 debt; smaller catechism is at the publishers.  
2 pp.
11. To F, 8 November [1841]

Is concerned about case of Sr. Mary Benedict; should not be allowed to attend Mass and should leave city as soon as possible; he will be traveling soon; F expected in Baltimore.  
3 pp.

12. To F, 31 March 1842  
List of prices for Ritual and Councils which are volumes that have been approved by Rome.  
2 pp.
13. To F, [15 September] 1842  
Catholic children will now be able to read books which have been approved for their use; publication to begin on standard series of Catholic books.  
2 pp.
14. To F, 1 December 1842  
Calls Provincial Council for 1843 in Latin; F to give opening discourse at Council; has read Rev. O'Connor appointed to Charleston, S.C., but it may be a rumor; is looking forward to seeing F.  
3 pp.
15. To F, 30 October 1843  
Regrets not being able to attend dedication of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester; has been busy with diocesan business; invites F to visit.  
3 pp.
- 1.56 Elliott, Commodore JD Boston  
1. To F, 22 October 1834  
Assures F that mob will not take law into own hands at jail in Cambridgeport where those accused of burning Ursuline Convent are being held; sympathizes with F's problems with anti-Catholic mobs; inquires about placing daughter in school run by Sisters of Charity.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 11 January 1837  
Requests F to distribute enclosed gifts to various people; sends regards to Superior in Roxbury; relates story of his meeting with Pope [Pius VII]: his officers have visited many places of interest in the Holy Land; F should expect letter from Pius VIII [in this letter Elliott is captain of the USS Constitution].  
3 pp.
- 1.56b Fenwick, Rev. Benedict Joseph, S.J. Baltimore  
1. Letter of ordination, signed by Leonard Neale, Coadjutor Bishop of Baltimore [in Latin].  
1 p.
2. "Narrative of a journey in 1818 from May 1822  
Georgetown College to the Sugar Loaf Mountain, in Montgomery Co., Maryland by Lucius"  
in F's handwriting.  
Describes journey, companions, towns of Rockville and Barnsville passed along the way; expresses F's views on land conservation and living on the land; describes view from top of mountain. Supposedly written while author was becalmed on a ship bound from Charleston, SC to Maryland; includes thoughts on leaving SC., as well as a poem on this subject.  
36 pp.
3. Letter of episcopal consecration of F, Boston  
signed by John England, Bishop of Charleston. 4 December 1825  
1 p.
4. Sketches and suggestions for monument 1832

- to Rev. Sebastian Rasle in Maine; author unknown.  
2 pp.
5. Announcement of death of Cardinal Cheverus in France, and of memorial services. 1836  
3 pp.
6. Draft of letter on the state of the diocese of Boston. 1837  
Describes erection of seminary building [?]; delay in rebuilding Ursuline convent; work done by Srs. of Charity among poor children; building of new churches; work among Maine Indians; increase in German Catholic community; colony at Benedicta, Maine. Draft seems incomplete.  
4 pp.
- 1.57 Fenwick, Bishop Benedict Joseph, SJ Boston, 1810-1834
1. To Boston Catholics Undated  
Announces purchase of church in East Boston and a benefit concert to help raise money for this church. requests prayers for Edward Kavanaugh who has died; Kavanaugh left \$1000 to the Catholic orphan asylum [St. Vincent's] in Boston.  
2 pp.
2. Recipe for curing and smoking beef in F's hand. Undated  
2 pp.
3. Statement of Cook Godfrey's funds. Undated  
1 p.
4. Notes on Missions in the United States, Undated  
[in French]  
Discusses geographical and demographical factors of the United States; reports on the obstacles to the existence of religion within the United States; states that the hierarchy is continually trying to encourage the establishment of religious orders and educational institutions within their respective dioceses; praises Mother Elizabeth Seton; discusses the nature of Protestant oppression of Catholics in the United States; reports on prominent Catholic converts; discusses the American Revolution and the Constitution; states that the greatest obstacle to Catholicism is the zeal of Protestant ministers.  
12 pp.
5. Pastoral Letter for First Provincial Council of Baltimore 15 November 1810  
Draft in F's handwriting  
Expresses outrage over Pius VII's imprisonment by Napoleon; defends Pope; requests prayers from American Catholics for Pope; encloses special prayer and Psalm 120 which are to be read at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.  
6 pp.
6. "State of the Catholic Church in the United States in 1814", by BJ Fenwick  
[Partially written while F was serving in the Diocese of New York]  
Lists priests in each diocese and breaks down into categories; lists reasons why a Catholic will not read a Protestant Bible; gives instructions on what Catholics who receive Protestant Bibles are to do; warns poor Catholics not to listen to Protestants selling Bibles; relates experiences clergy have had with Protestants selling Bibles; statistics from various dioceses; list of Catholic colleges.  
16 pp.
7. Note stating shares in various banks that have been sold and the amount of dividends.

- 1 p. 1826
8. "Notes on Churches in the Northwest" [1829?]  
 by BJ Fenwick, SJ  
 Notes on various frontier communities - Catholic population, existence of church and school, priests; includes Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan.  
 3 pp.
9. History of the Diocese of Charleston, [1829]  
 Author unknown, sent to BJ Fenwick, SJ  
 Brief biographical sketch of Bishop John England; description of churches within the diocese; problems of a diocese with a small Catholic population; list of clergy in the diocese.  
 3 pp.
10. Letter to Pew-holders, St. Mary, Charlestown [1829?]  
 States that Bishop of diocese owns church buildings, not pew-holders; no one can be excluded from church; Bishop needs help handling affairs of the church; requests pew holders to nominate people to help handle the affairs of the church.  
 3 pp.
11. Notes and First Draft for a History of the Diocese of Boston 1830-1834  
 Includes transcription of a letter from L'Abbe de la Poterie to French consul [in French]; copy of letter to French consul from Rev. William O'Brien; transcription of a letter of Rev. William O'Brien to de la Poterie and the French consul 20 May 1789 [in French]; transcription of a letter of de la Poterie to the French consul 30 December 1789 [in French]; physical description of Diocese of Boston; discusses anti-Catholic propaganda in New England; description of early Boston Catholics; describes arrival of de la Poterie to Boston; documents arrival of Rev. John Thayer; relates story of de la Poterie's death; relates story of how first church building was acquired; relates history of diocese to 1830.  
 76 pp.
- 1.58 Fenwick, Bishop Benedict Joseph, SJ Boston, 1830-1846
1. Deed to land in Providence sold by F. 24 March 1830  
 1 p. [stored in oversize box]
2. Plan of piece of land belonging to the Catholic church in Waltham.  
 1 p. August 1830
3. Last Will of F. 6 October 1832  
 Bequeaths personal and church possessions.  
 4 pp. [stored in oversize box]
4. Poems in honor of F from Georgetown College. 1833-1834  
 4 pp. [in Latin]
5. Summary of value of Ursuline property [1833?]  
 Enumerates Ursuline property and estimates its value. Reverse side appears to be random list of names [writing sample?].  
 2 pp.
6. F's draft of agenda for Third Provincial 1837 Council of Baltimore [in Latin].  
 3 pp.
7. Receipt of \$37.50 from Michael Mahan. 10 October 1837

- 1 p.
8. Circular letter to the members of the Diocese of Boston 13 July 1839  
Instructs people to have children baptized and marriages performed within their respective parishes; states boundaries of the three parishes in the city of Boston.  
3 pp.
9. To F.  
Document noting sale of pews in St. Peter Church, Lowell 24 January 1842  
2 pp.
10. Letter to Boston Catholics 22 February 1842  
Encloses letter from Gregory XVI granting plenary indulgence in the form of a Jubilee to all who make appropriate actions of prayer for Spain; F's pastoral letter supports this request.  
4 pp. [2 copies]
11. Proclamation of opening of St. Vincent March 1843 Orphan Asylum to Clergy and Laity  
Lists eligibility requirements for entrance; states how St. Vincent's is to be managed; states how orphans are to be supported.  
2 pp. [2 copies]
12. Last Will of F. 28 April 1843  
Appoints Archbishop Samuel Eccleston of Baltimore, Bishop John Hughes of New York, Bishop Francis Patrick Kenrick of Philadelphia and Rev. William Tyler [Clerk] executors; bequeaths personal and church property.  
4 pp. [stored in oversize box]
13. Announcement 20 October 1843  
Annual collection for female orphans of the Diocese of Boston.  
1 p.
14. Promissory note signed by F. 24 October 1843  
2 pp.
15. Last Will of F. 10 May 1845  
Bequeaths personal and church property; appoints John Bernard Fitzpatrick executor; statement from Probate Court attached.  
8 pp.
16. Power of Attorney given to Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick. 17 May 1845  
States that Fitzpatrick is to have full power of attorney in F's absence.  
2 pp. [stored in oversize box]
17. Announcement 18 October 1845  
Annual collection for orphans of the Diocese of Boston.  
1 p.
18. Promissory note signed by F. 18 July 1846  
2 pp.
19. A discussion of Religion Between Two Gentlemen. Undated [after 1837]  
Report of conversation overheard on steamboat while F was on the way to Boston from Nyack, NY; Methodist minister claims Catholics are fine people; gentleman disagrees; minister defends doctrine of penance; unfinished; possibly fiction.  
6 pp.

20. Note concerning property Elizabeth S. Watson left F to handle; Undated  
reverse concerns proceeds from shares that were forwarded to her.  
2 pp.
21. The United States Catholic Book Society Undated  
States purpose of Society; provisions for officers; provisions for the property of the Society;  
provisions for meetings.  
2 pp.
- 1.59 Ffrench, Rev. Charles D., SJ Portland, [Maine]  
1. To F, 18 February 1834  
Encloses three dollars and asks F to give it to John Haggerty; has started a school; describes  
curriculum of school; recounts successes with congregation; expresses hope that two people  
will join the congregation.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 9 May 1834  
Sends vials for holy oils; congregation at Eastport has requested that Ffrench go there; has  
given up the school on week days; expresses wish for an organist and sexton.  
2 pp.
3. To F, 9 June 1837  
Introduces Gilligan who has completed some work for the congregation at Eastport; Eastport  
congregation owed Gilligan money; requests F to give Gilligan a mortgage; claims Gilligan's  
accounts are just and honest; lists statistics for baptisms, marriages and deaths; discusses  
possibility of a change; willing to change if it will help matters.  
3 pp.
4. To F, 8 May 1838  
Relates continuing problems with Gilligan and the congregation at Eastport; explains that he  
had some difficulty renting pews; tenants chased out of house in Eastport; discusses his plan  
to repay Gilligan as soon as possible; asks F for approval.  
6 pp.
5. To F, 10 May 1838  
Explains that he had once been headmaster of a school in Ireland; relates how he was cheated  
out of property he was controlling by someone whom he previously trusted; explains how he  
came to the United States; asks permission to go back to Ireland for health reasons and to  
make restitution for the property.  
9 pp.
6. To F, 21 August 1838  
Preparing children for F's arrival; he has been ill; hopes F is recovering from his accident; he  
will prepare to go abroad after F's visit.  
3 pp.
- 1.60 Finigan, Philip Conway [Maine]  
1. To F, 4 March 1841  
Health is poor; leaves house to F to dispose of; directs F to send money.  
1 p.
2. To F, 2 March 1842  
Requests F to pay bearer \$56.  
1 p.
- 1.61 Fitton, Rev. James, SJ 24 April 1833 [1834]

1. To F, Worcester and Hartford  
Requests that F stop in Worcester on the way to New Haven; suggests hotel where F can stay.  
1 p.
  2. To F, 26 January 1836  
Relates the trouble that he is having getting a loan extended; states willingness to go to Worcester; claims Hartford is able to support a priest; asks for priest for Hartford; relates experience in Factory Village.  
2 pp.
  3. To F, 29 October 1836  
Relates what he knows about the property of Holy Trinity Church; appears to be answering request from F for information.  
2 pp.
  4. To F, 6 December 1837  
Relates desire of people in Worcester and the surrounding areas to establish a church; appears that they are willing to financially support the church; inquires as to how people will be able to attend Mass at least one Sunday a month; reports that Catholics in Hartford are well; recommends assistant for Hartford.  
2 pp.
  5. To F, 22 December 1839  
Announces intention to travel to Waltham and solicit funds that he feels are owed to him.  
1 p.
  6. To F, 17 September 1842  
Agrees with F's plan to improve Mt. St. James, Worcester, relates physical description of the College of the Holy Cross; requests F to settle some accounts before Holy Cross is deeded to him; invites F to visit Holy Cross.  
3 pp.
- 1.62 Fitzsimons, Meredith Enniscorthy, Hereford County, Ireland
1. To F, 28 August 1841  
Sends copy of previous letter for which she is still awaiting a reply; relates story of James Doyle; Doyle's heirs would like to claim what is owed to them; asks F's help in settling the case.  
3 pp.
- 1.63 Flood, Rev. Patrick Portland, [Maine]
1. To F, 28 November 1839  
Encloses account of pew rents and collections; claims to have no knowledge of the fact that F would be responsible for payment of expenses of attending Seminary; congregation refuses to contribute any money not being spent on church.  
2 pp.
  2. To F, 26 November 1841  
Needs help with expenses; another priest has collected money in F's name; requests F to write letter stating that Flood has authority; requests other priests to stay within own bounds.  
3 pp.
- 1.64 Francis, Governor John Pleasant Points [Maine]

- To F, 28 April 1840  
Explains that people are trying to have a new governor for],the Indian tribe appointed; claims that he was elected for life; hopes F will appoint a new priest; the present priest is against him; testimony from Joseph Stoneslos [?] and Jonas Farnsworth stating that the present priest is causing problems.  
3 pp.
- 1.65 Franski, Cardinal J. M. Rome  
To F, [in Latin] 16 December 1843  
Appoints John Bernard Fitzpatrick coadjutor of the Diocese of Boston.  
1 p.
- 2.1 Gallitzin, Rev. Demetrius A. Loretto, [Italy?]  
To F, 21 May 1834  
Needs recommendations from American Bishops; believes people in Germany are prejudiced against priests; was proposed for the Bishopric of Philadelphia, but did not get selected due to the amount of his debts; Bishop Flaget and Archbishop Marechal have urged him to consider the See of Michigan; asks F for a recommendation to the Archbishop of Vienna.  
2 pp.
- 2.2 German Catholics of Boston Boston  
From F, [26 November 18373  
Calls them together to ascertain if they desire a priest; regrets that there is dissension among them; if the dissension continues Americans will receive a bad impression of German Catholics; is willing to appoint a German priest to their community, but they must be able to support him; until this time F has supported the priest serving them; they will still be allowed to meet in the same church until they can build one of their own.  
4 pp.
- 2.3 Gleason, Mr. [Boston?]  
From F, Undated  
Note in F's hand stating that Mr. Gleason has ordered that Mr. Kennedy not see any papers without G's permission [papers not found with note].  
2 pp.
- 2.4 Gleason, William Boston  
Receipt. 20 March 1832  
Receipt for money presented by F to the Charitable Irish Society.  
1 p.
- 2.5 Goodwin, Rev. George Montreal, Canada and Sandwich, Massachusetts  
1. From F, 4 April 1836  
Expresses pleasure at Goodwin's scholastic achievements at the Sulpician College; hopes he will begin studying theology soon; the new church will soon be open for services; the number of Catholics has increased greatly; enemies of the church have not been as violent; encourages Goodwin in his studies; another seminarian has had to leave his studies temporarily due to poor health.  
3 pp.
2. From F, 24 March 1843  
Grants a marriage dispensation for a mixed marriage; encourages Goodwin in his debates with Protestants; suggests that he limit his arguments to those that concern articles of faith; will send O'Leary's Tracts that answer Methodist arguments; will also send pamphlets for the people.  
2 pp.

- 2.6 Grant, Deacon Moses Boston  
To F, 26 March 1831  
Reports effort being made to reduce the number of dram shops; encloses memorial on subject for F to sign; encloses a copy of, a recent temperance publication.  
3 pp.
- 2.7 Grassi, Rev. John, S.J. Rome, [Italy]  
1. To F, 27 May 1839  
Thanks F for letter; suggests that F come to Rome; reports that the widowed Queen of Sardinia will probably retire to a convent in this part of Italy; expresses happiness that F liked the paintings despite their poor condition; mentions the canonization of 5 Saints which took place the day before; Mullady and Barber [American students at the Roman college] are well.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 31 March 1843  
Jesuit missionaries attempted to build house in Turkey but lower class of population thought it was to be a fortress and burned the part of the house that had been built; reparation is expected; young men of Propaganda are quite well; hopes F will come to Rome.  
2 pp.
- 2.8 Greene, George Conway [Maine?]  
To F, 10 December 1841  
Reports that college will be completed in ten to twelve days; includes note from John McNamara reporting that: college is nearing completion; F's affairs are not being handled well; very little work has been done on the farm; suggests that the big house be closed.  
4 pp.
- 2.9 Hamon, Abbé [Vicar General of Bordeaux] Bordeaux [France]  
To F, 6 April 1839  
States that 2 Protestant newspapers of Boston have printed falsehoods of Cheverus' life; asks F to inform him of the changes in the 2nd edition of Cheverus' biography; requests Rev. Byrne's address.  
2 pp.
- 2.10 Han, Jeannette New Haven, Connecticut  
To F, 3 January 1842  
Requests permission to enclose land where Sr. Augusta is buried; inquires about cost.  
1 p.
- 2.11 Hand, Rev. John Dublin [Ireland]  
To F, 21 January 1845  
Acknowledges receipt of 10 pounds as part of W. Lenon's pension [student at college]; states yearly amount is due in advance; will be happy to receive them at F's convenience, however; explains that Rev. Smith expected F to send 10 pounds for his nephew; states policy of who is to pay the student's expenses; received 10 pounds from Rev. Smith for Wm. Fanelly; reports that Lenon and Fanelly are doing well at the college; reports that college is doing well.  
2 pp.
- 2.12 Harrison, Elizabeth [Sister Mary John] [Quebec, Canada]  
1. Document granting F land 10 December 1842  
Deeds plot of land in Charlestown, MA to F.  
1 p.
2. Statement giving F power of attorney 10 December 1842

- F holds power of attorney in settlement of estate of Catherine Wiseman.  
1 p.
3. Statement giving F power of attorney 31 December 1842  
F holds power of attorney in settlement of estate of Catherine Wiseman.  
1 p.
- 2.13 Haskin, Rev. George F. Boston [Mass.]  
1. To F, 22 May 1840  
Announces his intention to convert to Catholicism; will not be able to retain present position; inquires about possibility of F employing him at institution in Maine; if this will not be possible perhaps F could get him a job.  
3 pp.
2. To F, 1 August 1842 [Paris France]  
Expresses regret at having to leave Rome; appreciates the College of the Propaganda but realizes that he is not suited for it; expresses happiness in having Father Edmonde as his confessor; desires to become a priest; expresses a wish to study with the Sulpicians for a time; asks F for instructions on this matter; asks F to ordain him; encloses note from Rev. John Grassi who informs F that James R. Bailey, an Anglican minister, has converted.  
3 pp.
- 2.13a Herring, Elbert, Office of Indian Affairs Washington, D.C.  
1. To F, 16 January 1833  
The Secretary of War has directed \$200 per year to be paid to F for the benefit of Catholic schools among the Passamaquoddy Indians of Maine; asks that F submit a statement of the plans and objects of the schools.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 18 April 1833  
An annual report is required of persons receiving grants from the Civilization Fund; outlines points to be covered in these reports.  
2 pp.
3. To F, 30 December 1833  
\$300 has been granted to the Catholic schools of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians; probably the same amount will be granted next year.  
1 p.
- 2.14 Heuberger, Rev. Vincent Cologne, Germany  
To F, [in French] 2 September 1845  
Sends ornaments for the Church, prayer books and other essentials for the missions.  
1 p.
- 2.15 Higgins, Rose Grand Rapids, Michigan  
To F, 17 April 1840  
Requests F to send her bank book to Susan Channing; notation in F's hand that he complied with the request.  
1 p.
- 2.16 Hopkins, Bishop John M. Burlington, Vermont

- [Protestant Episcopal Church]  
To F, 30 December 1840  
Explains Roman Catholics are planning to build their church very close to the Protestant Church; believes that this will not be a comfortable situation; offers to sell the Catholics his church and build a new one.  
3 pp.
- 2.17 Howarth, John Dover [New Hampshire]  
To F, 11 September 1841  
Complains that pastor has not been fulfilling all of his duties; states that he is a convert from the Church of England; states that pastor would not visit his sick wife right away and she died without receiving Extreme Unction; reports that pastor is not enthusiastic about making converts; a Sunday School has not yet been established; does not keep congregation informed as to days of fast and abstinence; neglects to bury the dead; reports that many people have turned against him; requests that F remove pastor and appoint another.  
3 pp.
- 2.18 Hughes Bishop John Philadelphia and New York  
1. To F, 23 November 1837  
Reports that he will be consecrated 6 January in the Cathedral of New York; asks F to concelebrate with Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia.  
1 p.
2. To F, 23 July 1841  
States that he has been instructed to pay over 100 florins to the Ursulines in the Boston Diocese whose convent burned down; requests F to tell him what to do.  
1 p.
3. To F, 19 January 1843  
Complains about a letter printed in the *New England Reporter* which was anti-Hughes; claims that Catholic publications should not print such things whether they are true or not; asks F to complain to the editor about this situation; explains inaccuracies which appeared in the letter.  
2 pp.
- 2.19 Ives, Rev. William Pittsburgh  
To F, 21 December 1840  
Requests that F pay Mr. Murphy the amount of money owed to him; asks that any money that is left over be given to Mr. Donahoe; reports that there is a rumor that Bishop England has been appointed Bishop of Pittsburgh; is troubled about the children of his cousin Kirby; claims that his temperance society has been very successful.  
3 pp.
- 2.20 Jamison, Rev. B. Martinsburg, [West Virginia ]  
To F, 28 October 1841  
Introduces John Haley; hopes F will accept him into the church at Boston.  
1 p.
- 2.21 Jarvis, Sarah M. Middletown, [Connecticut]  
To F, 4 December 1841  
Discusses the circumstances of the baptisms of herself and her daughter; requests F to receive them as his children; requests that a church be established at Middletown; explains that her daughter's father has cut off her support due to her conversion; hopes a priest in the area would take away some of the anti-Catholicism which exists.  
3 pp.
- 2.22 John, Sister Mary Quebec

- To F, 25 December 1837  
Thanks F for the books which he has sent her; the sisters are well; asks F to write to her father and say that she is well; hopes F will let Sister Mary Ursula know if her brother is alive; wishes him a happy feast day.  
4 pp.
- 2.23 Joubert, Rev. J. ?  
To F, [in French] Undated  
Sends \$60 for the missions; cannot be more active due to age and infirmity.  
1 p.
- 2.24 Kavanaugh, Edward Washington[DC] and Lisbon[Portugal]  
1. To F, 12 April 1834  
Encloses letter from Secretary of War; wishes to subscribe for several copies of the biography of Father Rasles; enclosure from Secretary Lewis Cass: agrees that school house at Passamaquoddy should be sold.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 31 January 1835  
Relates story of an Indian named Jacobeason's trip to Washington to procure a grant from the government; relates Jacobeason's complaints about French priest who has been ministering to the Indians; informs F that he witnessed the attempted assassination of President Andrew Jackson.  
3 pp.
3. To F, 21 December 1835  
Recounts journey from Boston to Lisbon; describes the English College; expresses concern about the condition of the Portuguese government; gives brief account of the situation in Spain; requests copy of Laity's Directory.  
8 pp.
4. To F, 28 March 1837  
Reports revolutionary situation in Portugal; discusses the Church hierarchy of Portugal; hopes everything is going well with the Indians.  
4 pp.
5. To F, 7 August 1837  
Pages 1 and 2 are letter from J.G. Schwarz to K: Thanks K for his report of the church in Maine; reports that the means of the Leopoldine Society are very limited; asks K if the Diocese of Boston is more solvent financially than any other diocese in the United States; feels that dioceses in the southern part of the United States deserve the money more than the Diocese of Boston does; feels that American priests are necessary if Catholicism is to flourish in the United States, but that this will take a long time to accomplish; praises F; requests K to have F send a report of the Diocese of Boston to the Leopoldine Society; page 3 is K's letter to F: reports that he came in contact with S through the daughter of Elizabeth Seton; states that he does not wish to be known as the intermediary between F and S; reports that his sister has arrived in the United States; tells F that many people have fled Portugal because of the revolution; asks to be remembered to the members of F's household.  
3 pp.
- 2.24 Kavanaugh, Edward, Damariscotta Mills, Maine

1. To F, 22 October 1832  
Encloses letter from William Allen of Norridgewock concerning the monument to Rev. Rasle; supports the project; because of sectarian prejudices it is up to Catholics to support the project; will be obliged to seek assistance from state because of poverty of congregation.  
2 p. & 2 p. enclosure.
  2. To F, 14 November 1832  
Encloses a letter and map from William Allen of Norridgewock and a letter from Dr. Sibley to A which must be returned to A; these concern monument to Rev. Rasle; K is leaving for Washington via Boston and perhaps will be able to convey F's decision on project to A; Rev. Ryan intended to visit site last week and may have useful suggestions.  
1 p. & 4 pp. enclosures.
  3. To F, Washington, D.C.  
15 January 1833  
Encloses letters from the War Department and Office of Indian Affairs concerning an appropriation of \$200 made to the Catholic schools of th Passamaquoddy Indians in Maine; asks if F wishes him to urge an increase in this amount at this time or wait until next year.  
1 p. & 3 pp. enclosures.
  4. To F, 21 January 1833  
Has obtained from the Office of Indain Affairs an increase in the allowance granted for the Catholic education of the Passamaquoddy Indians in Maine; amount was raised from \$200 to \$300; the Office does not leave sufficient funds to make a grant to the Penobscot tribe but the original grant may be used for the benefit of both groups.  
1 p.
  5. To F, Damariscotta Mills, Maine  
3 May 1833  
Encloses a letter from William Allen of Norridgewock concerning the expence of erecting a monument to Rev. Sebastian Rasle in Maine; Dr. Sibley is interested in the project and inclined toward the Catholic church; there will be many people at the celebration in Norridgewock; has made inquiries as to the value of land on the Penobscot River; land fever in the section is high; has received no answer from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.  
2 pp. & 4 pp. enclosure.
  6. To F, Washington, D.C.  
31 December 1833  
nstructs F how to procure the \$300 grant from the Office of Indian Affairs; the gentlemen at the college are well.  
1 p.
  7. To F, 23 May 1835  
F is due \$375 of the funds granted him for the education of Indians; tells F how to procure the money and includes a form of the draft F should use; suggests hiring two Maine lawyers to prevent the discontinuance of the government allowance; Herring is a Presbyterian and will need watching, although he has been very fair.  
3 pp. & 1 p. glued enclosure.
- 2.25 Kelley, Marie [Boston]  
To F, 20 February 1837  
Promissory note for \$90.  
1 p.
- 2.26 Kelly, Patrick Boston

- From F, 11 May 1840  
 Sale of pews in St. Patrick's Church, Boston, [Roxbury] to Patrick Kelly.  
 1 p.
- 2.27 Kenrick, Bishop Francis Patrick Philadelphia  
 1. To F, [in Latin] 25 July 1835  
 Written when Kenrick was coadjutor in Philadelphia; transmittal of document discussing the erection of a diocese at Pittsburgh.  
 1 p.
2. To F, 16 February 1838  
 Relates Bishop John DuBois' arrival in New York; requests that a copy of his book be forwarded to Dr. Hopkins.  
 2 pp.
- 2.27a Kent, Governor Edward Augusta, Maine  
 1. To F, 14 February 1838  
 Includes Committee on Indian Affairs report on the Penobscots; hopes F will be able to provide a priest using the state funds appropriated; priest should teach Indians English so they may be "assimilated to us."  
 2 pp.
- 2.28 Killen, Patrick Boston  
 From F, 24 January 1845  
 Document noting sale of pew in St. Peter's Church, Lowell to Patrick Killen.  
 1 p.
- 2.29 Lambrouschini, Cardinal Luigi Rome  
 To F, [copy] 18 July 1834  
 Written at the direction of Pope Pius VIII; pleased with the polite communication; commends Commodore J.D. Elliott for meritorious conduct.  
 1 p.
- 2.30 Lartique, Bishop John James Montreal  
 To F, [in French] 24 September 1837  
 Thanks F for *Manual of Ceremonies*; hopes that the accident F was in will not set him back too much; since last saw F in Montreal has tried to continue to visit his diocese; compliments F on a seminary student named O'Sullivan; mentions the pamphlet by Maria Monk; discusses anti-Catholicism in Boston.  
 1 p.
- 2.31 Lee, Rev. Constantine Dover, New Hampshire  
 To F, 10 December 1833  
 Complains about congregation; disputes about pews; asks F to determine public punishment; states that he preaches 2 days a week other than Sunday; resigns position beginning 1 January 1834; hopes F will give him another church.  
 3 pp.
- 2.32 L'Homme, Rev. Francis Baltimore  
 To F, 23 December 1840  
 States that Rev. James Fitton, SJ owes him \$61.50; needs more music books; requests copies of a report on the state mental hospital at Worcester.  
 1 p.
- 2.33 Lynch, Rev. Michael Bangor

- To F, 2 September 1839  
Articles being sent by F have not yet arrived due to delay of steamboat; wishes to know when F will be in Bangor; informs F that Mr. Malowney has not yet left Bangor.  
2 pp.
- 2.34 Lyndon, Rev. Patrick Paris  
To F, 29 October 1841  
Informs F that he has arrived safely in Paris; his retreat is completed; likes the seminary at Paris better than the one at Montreal; Goodwin and O'Brien are returning to the U.S. in the autumn.  
3 pp.
- 2.35 McDavitt, William Dover, New Hampshire  
To F, 4 August 1840  
Offers to sell F his grass for lumber or to erase part of the debt on his land; hopes to educate three boys in the Seminary at Boston.  
3 pp.
- 2.36 McDermott, Rev. James, SJ New Haven and Lowell  
1. To F, 17 April 1834  
Expresses regret that F cannot be there on May 11; requests that F come to consecrate the new church as soon as possible; the church is nearly completed.  
1 p.
2. To F, 12 February 1839  
Encloses \$160.38 for interest due on Roman Catholic church at Lowell; plans to stay in Lowell despite his enemies; lists number of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.  
1 p.
- 2.37 McDonnell, Bishop Alexander Kingston, Canada  
To F, 9 June 1835  
Encloses prospectus of city to be built on Niagara Falls; relates Mr. Buchanan's desire that the convent that was burned in Charlestown be rebuilt in the new city; relates growth of Catholicism in that section of Canada; discusses anti-Catholic forces in the U.S.  
4 pp. [with descriptive statement of new city]
- 2.38 McElroy, Rev. John, SJ Frederick:, [Maryland]  
To F, 7 January 1843  
Wishes F a Happy New Year; congratulates F on the success of the Orphan Asylum; hopes that the Free Church will succeed; suggests that the Vacant lot adjoining the Cathedral be used for a college to be run by the Jesuits.  
2 pp.
- 2.39 McInhill, John Fort Edward [New York]  
To F, 29 April 1845  
Introduces himself as the executor of the estate of William Fitzgerald; the amount of money available does not meet all of the bequests; has not been able to collect all that is owed to the estate; F will receive his share of the estate when the money that is owed to it has been collected.  
2 pp.
- 2.40 McKenna, James Boston  
From F, 24 January 1845  
Document noting sale of pew in St. Peter's Church, Lowell to James McKenna.  
1 p.

- 2.41 Maguire, Rev. Thomas Quebec  
 1. To F, 13 September 1838  
 Reports that the Ursulines are leaving Quebec on Monday for Boston; the Bishop of Quebec and Sr. St. Gabriel will answer his letters.  
 2 pp.
2. To F, 30 March 1840  
 Reports that the situation of Sr. Mary Joseph has not yet been decided, but that the answer will probably be a negative one; discusses problems with the Ursulines; Sr. Mary Benedict is apparently causing many problems; transcribes a part of a letter from the Superior of the Ursuline Convent in Waterford on the subject of Sr. Mary Benedict.  
 3 pp.
3. To F, 10 December 1842  
 Feels "order of St. Ursula does not suit your republican states;" the sisters send their regards.  
 2 pp.
4. To F, 10 December 1843  
 Sends transcript of letter from Sister Mary Benedict telling him how ill she has been; encloses transcript of a letter which he sent to Sister Mary Benedict in which he tells her that the property of Mt. Benedict may not be held in her name as he has heard that it is; tells F that he is not positive that Sister Mary Benedict is guilty; asks F to try and clear up the situation.  
 3 pp.
- 2.42 Mahoney, Rev. John Lowell, [Massachusetts]  
 To F, 5 March 1831  
 Reports that the Congregation has agreed to support another priest if they may be allowed to control the collection; thinks that this is a good idea; hopes that F will agree.  
 2 pp.
- 2.43 Mann, Horace Boston  
 To F, 6 June 1836  
 Encloses resolution that was adopted at a meeting of the Massachusetts Temperance Society; asks F for his cooperation; the resolution states that the members of the temperance society are happy that a similar society has been founded by the Irish in Boston.  
 3 pp.
- O/S Mason, William Powell Boston  
 To F, 25 June 1841  
 Deed to land in South Boston.  
 1 p. [stored in oversize box]
- 2.44 Massachusetts, Commonwealth of Boston  
 To F, 31 March 1846  
 Deed for land in Aroostook County, Maine.  
 1 p.
- 2.45 Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company Boston  
 Signed by F, 1 June 1827  
 Loan note for \$4000.  
 1 p.
- 2.46 Mignault, U'Abbé, Pierre New York and Burlington, [Vermont]

1. To F, [in French] 7 September 1841  
Tells F that he does not need to respond to this letter; tells F that his situation is thus: Msgr. de Nancy is transferring him from New York to Mobile; has also received a letter from the Canadians in Burlington asking him to come to their aid; he would like to do this if F agrees.  
1 p.
2. To F, [in French] 15 November 1841  
Informs F that the spiritual state of the Canadians is deplorable; states that he has been distributing First Communion and performing marriages.  
2 pp.
- 2.47 Molyneux, Rev. Robert Boston  
Celebret for F 26 October 1808  
1 p.
- 2.48 Moody, George B. Bangor  
To F, 11 December 1839  
Write at Mr. Barker's request; F should pay that part of the mortgage which is now due or he will begin foreclosure proceedings; F should reply by the 23rd of the month; encloses the agreement between F and Mr. Barker.  
2 pp.
- 2.49 Müller, Rev. Josephus Monahii, Bavaria  
To F, [in Latin] 26 March 1841  
Desires to come to America and work with the German Catholics; lists personal qualifications; applies for faculties.  
3 pp.
- 2.50 Murphy, Thomas Boston  
From F, 5 March 1835  
Note stating F received \$400.25 from M towards establishment of a Catholic orphan asylum.  
1 p.
- 2.51 Neale, Rev. Francis [Baltimore]  
To F, 8 October 1829  
Relates fever epidemic which is raging throughout the area; wishes F success against anti-Catholic opponents; invites F to visit; Postscript [not written in Neale's hand]: Neale purchased a Methodist church building and transformed it into a Catholic church.  
2 pp.
- 2.52 Nichols, Lawrence and Committee Boston  
To F, 14 November 1838  
Encloses \$207 for the Catholic orphans of Boston.  
1 p.
- 2.53 Nichols, Mary Ann Ferrisburgh [Vermont]  
1. To F, 5 December 1837  
Chose Mr. Merrit as her agent; appears Mr. Merrit is anti-Catholic; asks F to take power of agency; [Postscript: wishes F to receive the rents due on all lands in New Town].  
2 pp.  
2. To F, 17 November 1838  
Still wishes F to have power of attorney; if F does not want this power then he should let her know as soon as possible; she has been quite ill.  
1 p.

3. To F, 12 September 1839  
Is feeling much better; is glad that F received the rents; recounts the history of the management of her property from the time of her mother's death; requests F to make sure that the deeds to her property are in proper order.  
2 pp.
4. To F, 19 December 1843  
Sends an order for F to receive the rents on her land [order on reverse side].  
2 pp.

O'Beirne, Rev. Patrick: see Wiley, Rev. William & O'Beirne.

- 2.54 O'Callaghan, Rev. Jeremiah Burlington, [Vermont]
1. To F, 4 February 1831  
Encloses copy of Mary Ann Nichols' will and an inventory of her possessions; seems that all movable goods were sold at auction; the church is doing well.  
2 pp.
  2. To F, 12 May 1838  
Informs F that church was destroyed by fire; committee has been appointed to investigate the fire.  
1 p.
  3. To F, 6 June 1838  
Encloses deed for lot that has been purchased; the committee to investigate the fire in the church grew more inactive as evidence began to mount up against the townspeople; a society for "Native Americans" is probably responsible for the fire; most of the townspeople are sympathetic; plans to come to Boston to solicit aid for the church.  
2 pp.
  4. To F, 7 September 1839  
Quotes from letter that F sent him to read to all when the church was burned down; he destroyed the letter; there have been many fires lately; enemies are demanding to see the letter.  
3 pp.
  5. To F, 2 January 1840  
Thanks F for sending a copy of the letter; anti-Catholic opponents have quieted down; deplors mixed marriages; requests a document which he can read from the altar opposing mixed marriages.  
3 pp.
  6. To F, 20 November 1841  
Thinks that the new church building has impressed his Protestant neighbors; requests F to pay \$400 due on the church building.  
1 p.
- 2.55 O'Flaherty, Rev. Thomas J. Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland
1. To F, 28 August 1838  
Apologizes for not returning to the United States at the time that he had originally specified; feels that he cannot leave Ireland until he has beaten his enemies; wishes F peace despite "O'Connell and his political slaves;" introduces John Teston as the bearer of the letter; asks F to put in a good word for Teston to various people.  
4 pp.
  2. To F, 1 August 1840

Announces his intention to return to the United States; expresses desire to buy land in the Catholic colony which F has founded if there is still room.  
2 pp.

3. From F, 29 December 1840  
Apprises O of duties connected with St. Mary's Church [Boston]; points out the boundaries of the church; advises O that his salary will be 500 per year; fees from baptisms and marriages will be shared among the clergy of a particular church; clergy are to share the duties of preaching and singing at High Mass.  
3 pp.
- 2.56 O'Higgins, Bishop W. Ardagh, [Ireland]  
To F, 5 September 1842  
Introduces Rev. Richard Davys; asks F to listen to what Davys has to say.  
1 p.
- 2.57 O'Reilly, John [New York]  
To F, 1839-1841  
Contains letters of recommendation from Michael House, Francis Guth, John McCaffrey, Philip Boynor and Pierre Mignault stating that O'Reilly would be worthy of the priesthood.  
3 pp.
- 2.58 O'Sullivan, Rev. Thomas Bangor
  1. To F, 29 January 1841  
Returned from F's township [Benedicta] where he visited the sick and baptized children; the children of the township are happy and prosperous; suggests improvements for the observatory; has organized a Temperance Society.  
3 pp.
  2. To F, 24 November 1841  
Has received letter and money that F sent him; the church has been redecorated; the Indians are happy; Joe Polus will not speak against a priest again.  
3 pp.
  3. To F, 12 January 1843  
Informs F that he has visited the town of Ellsworth; they are planning to buy land for a burial ground and a church; will give F the deed as soon as the last payment is made.  
2 pp.
  4. To F, 21 February 1844  
Informs F that he has seen nothing wrong with the conduct of Mr. Martin whom F has asked about; those who complain are those who desire a Protestant teacher; the Indians are more divided than ever; recommends that those who feel this way be refused the sacraments; asks permission to say two Masses on Sunday.  
3 pp.
  5. To F, 27 May 1846  
Informs F that he has called the Catholics of the area together to talk about the money that is owed for the burying ground; asks F to send documentation stating how much is owed; discusses the problem of Catholics who are having a hard time finding regular employment; tells F that the Indians have settled their party feuds; records number of marriages for the year; inquires about the proper way to handle the cases of people who get married outside of the area for various reasons.  
3 pp.
- 2.59 Paggino, Vincenzo Provincia DiAncona, Italy

- To F, [in Italian] 8 June 1842  
Introduces Giovanni Paggi as a professor of music; hopes F will help Paggi and his family as they settle in Boston.  
2 pp.
- 2.60 Parkman, Mary B. Boston  
To F, 26 June 1841  
Deed to land in South Boston.  
1 p.
- 2.61 Paulina, Sister Mary Baltimore  
1. To F, 19 October 1838  
Relates that they have bought land and buildings for a school, monastery, and church; describes the buildings; explains that there is the possibility that they will have a new benefactress; requests prayers for herself and the other sisters who are about to go on retreat; sends best wishes to the Ursulines in Boston.  
3 pp.
2. To F, 9 January 1842  
Wishes F happy holidays; comments on resemblance between F and Sister Ann Alexis; invites F to visit Baltimore; states how much money is due to the sisters and how much money they still owe for the lot and the building; asks F to pray for her and the sisters; thinks that the school is becoming very successful; inquires after Sr. Benedicta Barber; states that she is F's cousin.  
3 pp.
3. To F, 21 March 1843  
Informs F that several members of the military have converted to Catholicism or are in the process of doing so; relates that Rev. McElroy's retreat has been very successful; recounts news about various acquaintances in Baltimore; tells F that they are making an effort to move their lumber yard; asks F to pray for two of the sisters who are sick.  
3 pp.
- 2.62 Penobscot Indians Oldtown, Maine  
1. To F, 1836  
Ask F to send a good report of them that they can bring to Cornwaggi; express distrust of the "old governors" and the Yankees that "take their part."  
1 p.
2. To F, 9 November 1836  
Ask F to send them a priest like Fr. Conway because they can understand him; cannot understand Frenchmen.  
2 pp.
3. To F, 14 March 1837  
Times are very hard; they have a new agent who will not give them any money for their priest, who is suffering in consequence; the priest will be in Boston after Easter confessions to describe his situation; have elected a new lieutenant governor for the tribe.  
1 p.
4. To F, 19 April 1837  
Ask F's help in obtaining state support for a priest, repair of church and erection of rectory, employment of schoolteacher; would like Rev. Rattigan back to minister to them.  
1 p.
5. To F, 3 May 1838

Ask F to send a priest, as they can now support one; the agent will give them \$250 to this end and they will make up another \$50; would like to have Rev. Conway as resident priest.  
2 pp.

6. To F, 26 June 1838  
Request F to send them a priest as soon as possible  
1 p.
7. To F, 4 January 1844  
Thank F for the priest he has sent them; hope peace will finally come.  
1 p.
- 2.62a Petithome, Rev. Auguste Oldtown, Maine  
1. To F, [in French] 29 July 1836  
Informs F of his situation: his life has been in danger from the Indians; does not like to confess people through a translator, the Protestants pay malcontents to beat him; very few Frenchmen go to mass; has been asked to attend the French at Baig Ste. Marie where 5000 need his services; asks permission to undertake this mission.  
2 pp.
2. To F, [in French] 12 August 1836  
Has not left the diocese; Mr. Demillier is back at his mission; D is useful to F but A is not; wishes to go to Nova Scotia; the Indians don't want him at Oldtown; they can go to a priest at Bangor; had some serious trouble last Sunday; asks F for permission to leave.  
2 pp.
- 2.63 Plessis, Bishop Joseph Octavius Quebec  
1. To F, 15 November 1825  
Appoints F his Vicar General.  
1 p.
- 2.64 Plympton, H. Boston  
To F, 11 December 1838  
Requests F to pay rent due to Mr. Wright to him at Mro Wright's request; reverse contains request from Wright to Plympton.  
2 pp.
- 2.65 Purcell, Bishop John Baptist Cincinnatti  
1. To F, 25 March 1834  
Discusses inadequacy of Catholic school system in the Diocese of Cincinnatti; feels that a good Catholic school for girls would be very successful; compliments F on the diocesan newspaper; intends to build a German Catholic Church in Cincinnatti.  
2 pp.
2. To F, 10 December 1841  
Tells F that Rev. Corry of the Boston diocese has requested permission to enter the Cincinnatti diocese.  
1 p.
- 2.66 Quiblier, Revo S.S. Montreal  
To F, [in French] 23 December 1844  
Requests F to reimburse him for money that he has paid out; discusses the status of the Church in Montreal; progress continues to be made on Sto Patrickts Church; reports on the status of the schools.  
3 pp.
- 2.66a Randall, Isaac Brunswick, Maine

1. To F, 15 July 1836  
 As a senior at Bowdoin College, is writing a sketch of the history of the Norridgew6ck Indians and Father Rasle; asks F for any information or material he can provide on the subject.  
 3 pp.
- 2.67 Richard, Revo Gabriel Detroit  
 To F, 23 January 1832  
 Encloses two engravings for the *U.S. Catholic Repository*; requests copies of *The Jesuit*; relates the story of the building and opening of the Church of St. Ann in Detroit.  
 2 pp.
- 2.68 Ringe, Joseph Georgetown [Washington, DC]  
 To F, 4 August 1839  
 Reports on the progress being made in his studies; complains about the lack of exercise that he is getting; expresses unhappiness because his friends have gone home for the holidays; asks F's permission to visit some friends at their homes; states that Sr. Claudia is not doing well; asks F's advice about joining a literary society  
 4 pp.
- 2.69 Rosati, Bishop Joseph [St. Louis, Missouri]  
 1. To F. [in Freach] 5 March 1836  
 Written from New Orleans; wonders if F ever received the money that he sent; awaits copies of the *Ceremonials*; has been in New Orleans since the consecration of Msgr. Blanc; reports on the progress in the diocese of St. Louis; informs F that the refusal of the coadjutor which he requested will delay the progress that the diocese could make.  
 3 pp,
2. To F, 29 June 1839  
 Inquires about priestly status and character of Constantine Lee; informs F that Bishop Bruté is dying; reports that the Bishop of Dubuque is doing well; wishes that a Bishop would be appointed in Arkansas and Wisconsin; thinks that F's gregorian chant publications would sell in St. Louis.  
 2 pp.
3. To F. [in Latin] 3 November 1840  
 Announcement of Rev. John Timon as coadjutor of the Diocese of St. Louis.  
 1 p.
4. To F, 5 December 1841  
 Written from Philadelphia, PA; informs F that Rev. Lefevere has been consecrated as has Rosati's coadjutor; regrets that he has not been able to send F the copy of the Council decrees which he had requested.  
 2 pp.
- 2.70 Ryan, Rev. Dennis Whitefield [Maine]  
 1. To F, 6 August 1840  
 Asks F to notify him that he has been transferred so that he may inform the congregation.  
 1 p.
- 3.1 Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide Rome

1. From F, Undated  
 Claims that there are only 600-800 German Catholics in the Boston Diocese; has tried to provide for the spiritual welfare of the German Catholics as much as possible; has supported a German priest for eight years; has allowed them the use of the Cathedral; has tried to build a church for them despite a shortage of funds; refutes complaints that have been brought against American Bishops concerning their treatment of German Catholics; agrees that there is a need for German priests in the United States; states that American Bishops are not opposed to the German nation.  
 6 pp. and 1 fragment.
  
2. From F, [partially in French] 1831 + ff  
 Describes diocese and relates data relative to the growth of Catholicism in the area; explains that he has started a journal to combat anti-Catholic forces; statistics on composition of priests within the diocese; discusses Protestantism in New England; reports burning of the Charlestown convent; states need for priests and missionaries; discusses the missionary efforts among the Indians; appears to be group of first drafts of reports to the Propaganda.  
 28 pp.
  
3. To F, [in Latin] 17 November 1835  
 Concerns marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics.  
 3 pp.
  
- 3.2 St. Gabriel, Sister Quebec [Canada]  
 To F, [in French] 13 July 1837  
 Responds negatively to some of F's propositions; responds point by point to the various requests F has made concerning novices and potential novices.  
 4 pp.
  
- 3.3 St. George, Sister New York  
 To F, 24 March 1835  
 Reports that their trip was successful and that the children were well-behaved; recounts the events of their day in New York; asks F to write to her at Montreal; sends her regards to friends in Boston.  
 4 pp.
  
- 3.4 St. Marie, Sister Superior Three Rivers [Canada]  
 To F, [in French] 23 April 1840  
 Tells F that the two sisters have arrived; is waiting to hear if Sr. Joseph is to stay with them; asks for prayers.  
 3 pp.
  
- 3.4a St. Mary Church Boston  
 1. From F, 1842  
 Is anxious for peace in the parish; all he has done so far has been aimed at achieving harmony, has warned congregation against certain factions who have been sowing "the seed of dissension" but has not been heeded; it has been said that he is an enemy of the Irish but this is not so; in any other diocese the troublemakers would have been excommunicated long ago; discusses consequences of excommunication; declares excommunicated anyone who continues to oppose him, especially organizers of the Marlboro Chapel meeting; has removed both pastors of St. Mary and replaced them with Revs. John Fitzpatrick and Patrick Flood; exhorts people to cherish their faith and follow its mandates; removes interdict on church.  
 12 pp.
  
- 3.5 St. Olive, Sister Three Rivers [Canada]

- To F, 12 October 1845  
Asks for prayers for her mother [Mary Ann Wilkins] and her grand-mother [Mary Ann Booth] who died recently.  
3 pp.
- 3.5a St. Patrick Church, Lowell Boston  
From F, 10 July 1836  
Regrets that his absence from sale of pews caused sale to be postponed; the pastor and his committee have agreed on the following rules for the sale: it will be held next Thursday; pews will be sold for \$100 and 1125; subscribers [who have paid most of the \$100] and owners wishing to change location may bid on any pew put up; taxes on pews will not exceed those demanded formerly; some pews will be reserved for \$5 subscribers; owners may make a profit in disposing of pews; those not able to be present may have others bid for them; purchasers should pay the entire amount within 15 days.  
7 pp.
- 3.6 Salem, Massachusetts, Catholic Society Salem  
To F, 23 November 1841  
Report problems with Rev. Brady, pastor of the church; claim that they have been abused and insulted by Rev. Brady; appeal to F to settle the dispute over the school; ask that F respond directly to them.  
3 pp.
- 3.6a Scanlan, Philip F. Lowell  
To F, 183-  
Includes extracts from Protestant memoirs relating to Rev. Sebastian Rasle; memoirs are cited; suggests other sources for subject.  
6 pp.
- 3.7 Sharkey, Patrick Boston  
From F, 11 May 1840  
Document noting sale of pew in St. Patrick's Church, Boston to Patrick Sharkey.  
1 p.
- 3.8 Shaw, Rev. Joseph C. Tivoli [Italy]  
To F, 13 October 1845  
Reports on various students from Boston who are studying in Rome; relates Gregory XVI's visit to Tivoli; asks F if he will be coming to Rome during the winter; sends regards to Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick.  
4 pp.
- 3.9 Signay, Bishop Joseph Quebec  
1. To F, [in French] 29 July 1835  
Wonders why F did not mention his proposal to place the Ursulines at Three Rivers; Signay prefers the Boston Ursulines to be at Three Rivers.  
3 pp.
2. To F, [in French] 16 September 1838  
Discusses the fact that the Ursulines are returning to Boston.  
3 pp.
3. To F, [in French] 5 April 1840  
Informs F that he has received a letter from the Superior of the Ursulines and that Sister Mary Joseph has been accepted.  
1 p.

- 3.10 Smythe, James  
To F, New Haven [Connecticut]  
11 February 1838  
Recounts his success in collecting debts; informs F that the judge does not think F should be the trustee for Mary Ann Nichols' estate.  
1 p.
- 3.11 Society for the Propagation of the Faith [Paris, France]
1. From F, 25 August 1835  
Thanks them for the copy of the Annals; thanks them for \$7480 which they gave to the Diocese of Boston; explains his conception of the seminary that he is building; informs them that the diocese is in need of funds; recounts the burning of the Ursuline convent in Charlestown; explains that the education of younger girls has been left to the Sisters of Charity; admits that the Catholic population of Boston is rapidly increasing; reports on the status of churches in the diocese; discusses the Indian missions in Maine; states the urgent need for both priests and Catholic educators in the Diocese; recommends Boston as a place for missionary endeavors.  
10 pp.
  2. From F, 29 August 1837  
Thanks them for their contribution to the Diocese of Boston; discusses the economic problems of the Panic of 1837; recounts the growth of Catholicism in New England; describes his visitation of the Diocese of Boston; recounts his visit to the Ursulines in Quebec; relates the story of a convert to Catholicism; states the need for priests, particularly in northern New England; feels that the worst problem is a shortage of priests.  
21 pp.
  3. From F, 1838  
Draft of a letter relating establishment and growth of diocese, existence of Protestant prejudices against Catholics, coming of immigrant groups to Boston, growth of German Catholic community, difficulties in finding a proper German pastor. Incomplete.  
10 pp.
  4. From F, January 1841  
Draft of a letter thanking association for donation to diocese. Had not written earlier because of trip to Catholic settlement at Benedicta, Maine; describes first trip to the site in 1834 to survey land before purchasing; recounts growth of community; describes richness of soil, vegetation, manner of working land; states that church and seminary have been started; reports that several prominent Protestants including George Haskins and George Llovd, have converted to Catholicism.  
26 pp.
  5. From F, 1844  
Draft of a letter thanking the association for contributions to the diocese of Boston; apprises them of the establishment of the diocese of Hartford and cites this and other examples of the spread of Catholicism in New England; recounts first visit to Hartford; enumerates churches in various states; describes newly-opened Holy Cross College in Worcester; [drawing of College mentioned, was not found with this draft]; cites need for churches in other parts of Mass.  
10 pp.
  6. To F, [in French] 6 March 1846  
Compliments F on the prosperous state of religion in his diocese; states that this success is due to F's active concern for his diocese.  
2 pp.
- 3.12 Society of Jesus. Superior General [Baltimore Maryland]

- From F, [1822-1825]  
 Jesuits should not have to pay Archbishop's pension if they cannot afford it; the Jesuits should not be hindered in their government; the Jesuits need only answer to the Pope; Bishops should not limit the faculties of Jesuits if their Superior requests them; Jesuits are not to be forced to open their own churches; Jesuits are to take orders from their Superior, not from the local Bishop.  
 1 p.
- 3.13 Somalia, Cardinal Rome  
 To F, [in Latin] 3 May 1825  
 Encloses F's appointment as the Bishop of the Diocese of Boston; bears unsigned endorsement of John Joseph Williams.  
 1 p.
- 3.14 South Boston Association Boston  
 From F, 9 January 1843  
 Note promising to pay the South Boston Association \$4480.  
 2 pp.
- 3.15 Strain, Rev. James Hartford  
 To F, 16 December 1840  
 Reports that the construction of the church is progressing rapidly; discusses a difficulty that he is having with a colleague over a division of the work-load; informs F that his colleague refused to take F's suggestion on the division of work; offers alternative suggestion and asks F's opinion.  
 2 pp.
- 3.16 Suffolk Bank Boston  
 From F, 1831-1841  
 F's bank book.  
 1 vol.
- 3.17 Sumner, Charles P. Boston  
 To F, 7 May 1836  
 Encloses \$30 and requests that F use it for charitable purposes; expresses his sympathy and regret over the fire that left many poor Catholics homeless.  
 1 p.
- 3.18 Talbot, Sister M. Aloysius Tuam, Ireland  
 To F, 29 March 1840  
 Explains that the situation in Ireland is bad due to the famine; asks F if he and his congregations will be able to contribute to the cause; Mass and prayers will be offered for those who can contribute to their institutions; reminds F that he once knew her.  
 3 pp.
- 3.19 Thibodeau, Francis Madawaska Plantation [Maine]  
 1. To F, undated  
 Petition to erect a building to be used as a church in Madawaska Plantation; states that the land has already been provided; asks for directions from F.  
 2 pp.
2. To F, 23 July 1846  
 States that the land has been chosen for the church; requests F to have the ground consecrated.  
 2 pp.

- 3.20 Thorne, James Somerville [Mass.]  
From F, 21 February 1844  
Document from F leasing house to James Thorne.  
1 p.
- 3.21 Turgeon, Bishop Pierre Fouria Quebec  
1. To F, [in French] 1 April 1829  
Relates his opinion on a marriage case; does not think that the dispensation should be granted; relates that the Ursulines are leaving Quebec for Charlestown and hopes that they are bringing a young novice with them but he does not know when they will arrive.  
3 pp.
2. To F, [in French] 25 July 1838  
Regrets that Soeur Maria Benoit is leaving Canada but is sure that she will serve F well; expresses happiness that F did not mind the change in schedule for the sisters.  
3 pp.
- 3.21a U.S. Treasury Department Washington, D.C.  
1. To F, 2 December 1842  
Concerns \$300 allowance for education of Indians [in Maine].  
1 p.
2. To F, 27 February 1844  
A warrant in F's favor will be issued for \$600 for the civilization of Indians.  
1 p.
3. To F, 2 March 1844  
Encloses Treasury draft [not found] with letter.  
1 p.
- 3.22 Ursulines, Superior of [?] Unknown  
From F, 22 December 1836  
Regrets that her letter to the Ursulines arrived after the convent at Charlestown had burned down and the sisters had left Boston for Quebec; recounts the history of the Ursulines in Boston; discusses the jealous attitude of Protestant ministers towards the Ursulines as educators; recounts the burning of the convent at Charlestown.  
4 pp.
- 3.23 Ursuline Community Superior Roxbury [Mass.]  
To F, 22 May 1835  
Note stating that all debts up to the present have been paid.  
1 p.
- 3.24 Van de Velde, Rev. James O. [St. Louis, Missouri]  
1. To F, 26 December 1831  
Wishes F success in the publication of his planned directory; describes churches in the Diocese of St. Louis; corrects mistakes from previous accounts; describes St. Louis College; describes St. Mary's Seminary [the Diocesan Seminary]; describes St. Mary's College; describes convents and hospitals within the Diocese of St. Louis; includes drawing of church in St. Louis that is under construction; inserts additions concerning various congregations.  
8 pp.
2. To F, 12 September 1838

Asks F if Rev. P. Walsh is employed in the Diocese of Boston; informs F of his visit to the sisters at Georgetown; wishes F success in re-establishing the Charlestown convent; reports that everything is going well in St. Louis and that the diocese is growing rapidly.  
2 pp.

3. To F, 24 February 1839  
Informs F of the circumstances under which Mullanphy's estate was not settled completely; discusses the problems dealing with Rev. Paither and explains why he was placed under interdict; reports on the rapid growth of the Diocese of St. Louis; informs F about the Indian missions.  
3 pp.

4. To F, 17 August 1840  
Encloses draft for \$1000 which is that amount left to F by John Mullanphy for the orphans of Boston; tells F that they are preparing for their exhibition; discusses the graduates of St. Louis University; describes the new church; explains that there are no funds to build a church for the German immigrants.  
3 pp.

3.25 Varela, Rev. Felix, S.J. New York  
To F, 31 December 1833  
States that the New York clergy think that the anti-Catholic Smith should be ignored; explains that he would like to attack them but Bishop DuBois will not permit him to do so; asks F's opinion about how to answer the attacks in writing.  
2 pp.

3.26 Vergier, Archbishop Besançon [France]  
To F, [in French] 17 December 1844  
Informs F that he has received his letter; discusses money which has been forwarded; asks F to pray for the Church in France.  
2 pp.

3.27 Verhaegen, Rev. F., S.J. Georgetown College  
To F, 10 July 1846  
Is happy to hear that F received wine that was sent to him; promises to send hams; reports that Notley Young is very ill; agrees to loan F money to build new wing; sends regards to Bishop Fitzpatrick.  
1 p.

3.28 Vesprei Rev. Francis, S.J. Georgetown College  
To F, 1 December 1840  
Offers suggestions on the cheapest way for two intended seminarians to get to Rome; suggests how much money they should plan on spending; informs F of what credentials the seminarians must be prepared to present.  
2 pp.

3.29 deVidaurre, Senora Angela Boit y Lopez Barcelona [Spain]  
1. To F, [in Spanish] 15 January 1835  
Informs F that her father has died and that the money is being held in France; asks F's help in procuring the money.  
1 p. [attached to 3.29 #2]

2. To F, [in Spanish] 15 January 1836  
Requests F's help in procuring the money left to her by her father; asks F to please respond.  
2 pp.

- 3.30 Vincent, Jacques Pleasant Point [Maine]  
 To F, 10 February 1828  
 Informs F that W. Kellogg has asked him to lie about the governor and F and promised Vincent that he wouldn't tell anyone; asks for F's forgiveness.  
 1 p.
- 3.31 Vincent, Rev. P. Tracadie, Nova Scotia  
 To F, [in French] 30 September 1834  
 Regrets the burning of the convent at Charlestown; hopes that everything will work out all right; thinks that he might go to Eastport and then to Boston because he would like to see F about a variety of things; reports on the monastery at Nova Scotia and the school for girls run by the Sisters.  
 3 pp.
- 3.32 Walsh, John Boston  
 To F, 19 March 1830  
 Sale of pew in St. Mary's Church, Charlestown to John Walsh, reverse contains receipt that money was refunded to Walsh on 26 August 1830.  
 2 pp.
- 3.33 Walsh, Rev. Robert Sandwich Islands  
 1. To F, 10 November 1838  
 Asks F to have letters forwarded to Paris; describes the problem that he is having with anti-Catholics in the Sandwich Islands.  
 3 pp.
2. To F, 4 February 1839  
 Introduces Stephen D. MacIntosh.  
 2 pp.
3. To F, 12 February 1839  
 Reports on the mission at Gambiers; reports on the establishment of a Catholic colony at Valperaiso; states that Catholics are still being persecuted on the Sandwich Islands; requests F to send any anti-Calvinist publications which may be available.  
 3 pp.
- 3.34 Walsh, Rev. Simon Middlebury [Vermont]  
 To F, 19 February 1834  
 Explains that he sent a letter to his churches about the jubilee because he could not find the time to visit them all; informs F that the Yankees are very prejudiced against Catholics; tells F that he will send him the list that he requested as soon as possible; informs F that two wealthy Catholics in Castleton are planning to purchase a building to be used as a church; asks F to inquire why some people have not been receiving their copies of *The Jesuit*.  
 2 pp.
- 3.35 Wiley, Rev. William Salem and Taunton, [Massachusetts]  
 1. To F, 17 March 1834  
 Expresses unwillingness to go to Lowell but would like to go to Boston; asks F for approval of this proposal.  
 2 pp.
2. To F, 22 July 1840  
 Asks F when he plans to come to Taunton; states that the problems in Providence are going from bad to worse; will go to Providence because F requests that he do so.  
 2 pp.

- 3.36 Wiley, Rev. William, and O'Beirne, Rev. Patrick Boston  
1. From F, 12 August 1836  
Lays down rules to prevent future misunderstandings between the two at St. Mary; they are to be on an equal footing; they will each receive \$500 per year to be made up from collections with any surplus income to be applied to church debt; they are to divide income from marriages and baptisms equally; duties of church should be divided equally; all improvements on church are to be referred to F; catechism classes are very important; adults may attend any church, but children of their district must attend catechism within it; sacramental and financial registers must be kept faithfully. Recommends that they pay and receive few visits, not drink wine or liquor out of their house or between meals. These rules are to hold for one year.  
3 pp.
2. From F, 3 October 1836  
Lays down rules to prevent disagreements between the two; rules essentially the same as in F's letter to them of 12 August 1836.  
2 pp.
- 3.36 Williams, Samuel K. Boston  
To F, 13 January 1843  
Recounts history of the incorporation of the South Boston Association and the land owned by them in Boston; explains that the title to the land is very confusing and that it is possible that the property has already been disposed of; adds that this is very unlikely because there have only been four presidents of the association; apologizes if this information is not satisfactory.  
3 pp.
- 3.37 Williamson, Rev. Adolphus Baltimore  
To F and Bishop John B. Fitzpatrick, 29 April 1845  
Lists inventory of what he has left to various churches of the diocese in his will.  
3 pp.
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From F, 19 May 1829  
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- 3.39 Wiseman, Elena Philadelphia  
To F, 19 December 1842  
States that she has signed the appropriate documents; encloses a contribution for F's church.  
1 p.
- 3.40 Woodley, Rev. R.D. Boston  
To F, 14 September 1830  
States that money was borrowed from F in order to complete the church building in  
Pawtucket.  
1 p.
- 3.41 Bills and Receipts 1835-1841 & undated  
This group is composed of bills and receipts that were part of F's records. Many of them  
were billed to F but were actually for items procured by the Ursuline Sisters. The dates on  
these items are 1835-1841 but some are undated and may not necessarily fit into these years.  
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