

**Record Group I.05.01**  
**John Bernard Fitzpatrick Papers, 1840-1866**  
**Calendar**

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**Introduction**

The John Bernard Fitzpatrick papers held by the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston span the years 1840-1866. The collection consists of original letters and documents from the year that Fitzpatrick was ordained to the priesthood [1840] until his death 26 years later. The papers number 349 items, and are contained in 171 folders arranged alphabetically by correspondent in three manuscript boxes.

It appears that the Fitzpatrick papers were first put into some kind of order in the 1930s 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 individually in 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 Benedict Joseph Fenwick. 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.

In preparing this collection of the original Fitzpatrick material, a calendar was produced. This calendar lists the original manuscripts that are in the possession of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston. The calendar 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 calendar is what the researcher will encounter in this finding aid. It provides a key to a broad overview of the contents of the papers.

The items in this collection are filed alphabetically by correspondent. Items that are written by Fitzpatrick to no identifiable correspondent are filed under "Fitzpatrick, Bishop John

Bernard." The sections of the Bishop's Journal that relate to Fitzpatrick's episcopate are not included here as a part of Fitzpatrick's 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]. This collection should not be overlooked by the researcher preparing a comprehensive study of Fitzpatrick's episcopate. Although Fitzpatrick served as Bishop during the years 1846-1866, the collection of original Fitzpatrick material held by the Archives is sparse after 1860. This is partially due to the fact that Fitzpatrick's health began to fail in 1857. In May of 1862 he went to Europe for reasons of health. Upon his return in September of 1864, his health continued to decline until his death in February of 1866.

On June 24, 1855 Rev. James A. Healy was appointed first chancellor of the Diocese of Boston. As chancellor, Healy was the chief administrator for the Diocese of Boston. The Archives possesses some papers relating to this portion of Healy's career. The researcher is advised to consult these in conjunction with the Fitzpatrick collection. In addition, Bapst Library at Boston College holds a doctoral dissertation by Richard Grozier entitled *The Life and Times of John Bernard Fitzpatrick, Third Bishop of Boston* [1966]. This dissertation should also be consulted as a part of any detailed research on Fitzpatrick's episcopate.

The great majority of items in this collection are in manuscript. The exceptions are several letters from members of the Curia and various deeds, bills and bank drafts. Most of the collection appears to be in the handwriting of the correspondent. The exception to this are several letters from Fitzpatrick to various people that were copied over by secretaries. Almost the entire collection is in English. Documents originating from the Vatican are in Latin, as are several of Fitzpatrick's letters to Rome. Letters from French priests serving the Diocese and individuals in Quebec and France are in French. There is one letter written in Italian.

### **Preferred Citation**

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 Fitzpatrick papers of the Archives, together with the box and folder numbers. Examples:

Rev. Jeremiah O'Callaghan to Bishop Fitzpatrick, 23 June 1847; Fitzpatrick Papers [Archives, Archdiocese of Boston], 3.6.

Bishop Fitzpatrick to Pius IX, 12 July 1863; Fitzpatrick Papers [Archives, Archdiocese of Boston], 3.20.

## Biographical Sketch

November 15, 1812	Born, Boston, Massachusetts
June 13, 1840	Ordained to the Priesthood, St. Sulpice, France
February 11, 1842	Appointed Co-Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Boston
October 9, 1842	Appointed to St. John's Church, Cambridge
November 13, 1843	Approved as Coadjutor for the Diocese of Boston
March 24, 1844	Consecrated Coadjutor Bishop, Georgetown, Maryland
March 31, 1844	Celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass in Cathedral of the Holy Cross
August 16, 1846	Succeeded Benedict J. Fenwick as Bishop of Boston
1846	First French-Canadian Parish in the Diocese Established
January 1, 1847	First Issue of <i>Boston Catholic Observer</i>
February 7, 1847	Pastoral Letter on Famine in Ireland
July 23 - Sept. 10, 1847	Visited State of Maine
1849	Attended Seventh Provincial Council of Baltimore
1851	Reading of Protestant Bible in Public Schools Made Compulsory
October 14, 1852	Holy Cross College Burns
1852	First Plenary Council in United States
October 4, 1853	Clergy Society Formed
February 14, 1854	First Trip to Europe
October 14, 1854	Father Bapst Tarred and Feathered in Ellsworth, Maine
1854	Archbishop Bedini Visits the United States
March 26, 1855	Hiss Committee Visits Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury
May 31, 1855	Diocese of Portland Formed
June 24, 1855	Rev. James A. Healy Appointed First Chancellor, Diocese of Boston
May 31, 1857	First Diocesan Collection for Support of Seminaries
1857	First Illness
1859	Wall School Case
1859	Father George Haskins Elected to Boston School Committee
June 4, 1860	Mass Celebrated in all Diocesan Churches for Preservation of Union
September 16, 1860	Last Sermon in Old Cathedral
May 25, 1861	Receives Honorary Degree from Harvard University
May 1862	Goes to Europe for Health Reasons
1863	Boston College Incorporated
1863	Beginning of Yearly Retreat for Priests
September 2, 1864	Returns from Europe
February 13, 1866	Dies, Boston, Massachusetts

## Scope and Content

The John Bernard Fitzpatrick papers cover the years 1840-1866. The bulk of the material falls between the years 1846-1860. In 1846 Fitzpatrick succeeded Benedict Joseph Fenwick as Bishop of Boston. By 1860, Fitzpatrick's health was failing and the Revs. James A. Healy, Chancellor, and John J. Williams, Vicar General, had assumed many of the bishop's responsibilities.

The Diocese of Boston encompassed the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont in 1846 when Fitzpatrick assumed his episcopate. 48 churches and 39 priests served the Catholics who resided in these states. By 1866, two additional dioceses had been formed out of these four states and the area covered by the Diocese of Boston was the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There were 109 churches and 166 priests in the Diocese in that year.

The Diocese of Boston grew rapidly in these years due to the large number of Irish immigrants who journeyed to the United States in order to escape the death and starvation brought on by the potato famine of the 1840's. Many of these immigrants settled in Boston. This created a tremendous need for priests within the diocese to minister to the spiritual life of the immigrants, a need that became one of Fitzpatrick's main concerns during his episcopate. The problem he faced was one of getting enough competent priests to serve the Catholics in the Diocese of Boston. This concern is reflected throughout the Fitzpatrick papers. Several letters within the collection are between Fitzpatrick and other American bishops [such as Henry Juncker of Alton, Illinois and John Hughes of New York] requesting information about priests who were petitioning to enter a certain diocese or complaining about the incompetence of priests who had been granted faculties in one of their respective dioceses.

Nativism or anti-Catholicism was a major issue during the Fitzpatrick years. In Massachusetts, the Know-Nothing political party exerted a powerful influence in the state government during the 1850's. The Fitzpatrick papers contain many references to anti-Catholicism. Fitzpatrick wrote to local newspapers and to the State legislature complaining about the treatment Catholics received at the hands of the press and the legislature. The collection also contains the first-hand account of the tarring and feathering of Rev. John Bapst, SJ by Know-Nothings in Ellsworth, Maine.

Bishop Fitzpatrick would not tolerate the institution of lay trusteeism within the Diocese of Boston. The collection contains several letters to Fitzpatrick from local congregations stating that either land or a building had been purchased and that the deed was in Fitzpatrick's name. There is nothing in the collection to indicate that there was any kind of lay participation in church government.

During most of Fitzpatrick's episcopate, the town of Madawaska in northern Maine was a source of continual trouble. There were questions about whose episcopal jurisdiction the town was under, and problems resulted from the building of the local church. This controversy is apparent in letters to Fitzpatrick from Bishops David W. Bacon of Portland and William Dollard of New Brunswick.

The Fitzpatrick papers leave many questions unanswered. There are no documents concerning the problems involved in the granting of a charter for the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester or the incorporation of Boston College within the collection. There is no direct mention of the visit of Archbishop Gaetano Bedini to the United States in 1854. The struggle to abolish the institution of slavery is not mentioned in the Fitzpatrick papers. The papers in the collection that deal with the Civil War consist of letters from several soldiers to the bishop in which they send money for Fitzpatrick to hold for them until after the war. The role of Fitzpatrick in this situation is primarily pastoral.

There are several possible reasons why the issues of slavery and the Civil War seldom appear in these papers. The most important of these is that Fitzpatrick's health began to fail in 1857. In 1862 he went to Europe for reasons of health and did not return until 1864. It is known that on June 4, 1860 all Masses said in the Diocese were celebrated for the preservation of the Union. *The Pilot* also supported the north when the Civil War broke out. Their position was pro-slavery and anti-Republican throughout the 1850's, however. The researcher is advised to consult the doctoral dissertation of Richard Grozier entitled *The Life and Times of John Bernard Fitzpatrick, Third Bishop of Boston* [Boston College, 1966] for information concerning these aspects of Fitzpatrick's episcopacy.

Although John Bernard Fitzpatrick served the Diocese of Boston for only twenty years [a comparatively short time for a Bishop of Boston], it was during his episcopate that the administrative structure of the diocese began to take shape. In 1855, Rev. James A. Healy was appointed the first chancellor in accordance with the 1852 decree of the First Plenary Council of Baltimore. Pastoral letters and circulars from the chancery became more common during Fitzpatrick's tenure. There are also more documents concerning marriage impediments and dispensations than one might expect for this part of the nineteenth century.

The Fitzpatrick papers provide a valuable insight into the nature of the Catholic church in Boston during the mid-nineteenth century. This collection, used in conjunction with the Bishop's Journals, should prove to be very useful to the researcher interested in this period-of American religious history.

**Content List (A-Z)**

*Box & Folder*

- 1.1 Antonelli, Cardinal James Rome  
  - To F [Latin] 15 November 1858

Circular containing instruction on marriage impediments.  
3 pp.
  
- 1.2 Auland, Rev. George Baltimore  
  - To F 13 March 1856

Agrees to send priest from his order [Redemptorists] to take charge of Immaculate Conception Church in Boston as soon as additional priests arrive; states terms and conditions under which this will take place: no trustees, that a convent be built adjacent to the church, title to convent to be held by Redemptorists, if things do not work out the order shall be free to leave; inquires as to how funds will be raised to build the church.  
3 pp.
  
- 1.3 Bacon, Bishop David W. Portland [Maine] and Boston  
  - 1. To F [1854-1859?]  

Informs F that the congregation at Madawaska claims to be under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Portland and not the Archbishop of Halifax; refuses to take charge of them unless directed by the Cardinal Prefect in Rome; prefers that they remain under jurisdiction of Archbishop of Halifax; asks F for his opinion; hopes to travel to Europe next month; informs F that Father B[apst?] demanded \$6000 for his services; hopes to see F on Friday.  
3 pp.
  - 2. From F 27 October 1855  

List of church properties in Maine transferred from F to Bacon.  
1 p.
  - 3. From F 12 December 1855  

List of church properties in New Hampshire transferred from F to Bacon.  
1 p.
  - 4. To F April 1856  

Informs F that Father Stonestreet approved of his proposal and will present it to his superior in Rome; encloses note and asks F for his opinion; complains that Father Bapst has already spent about \$2000; has heard that Father Daly has disappeared; explains that Daly refused to apologize to him when he demanded it; tells F that he has purchased a lot on which to build.  
3 pp.
  
- 1.4 Bangor, Maine September 1864  
  - Deed of land in Bangor, Maine.  
1 p.
  
- 1.5 Bapst, Rev. John, SJ Old Town and Bangor, [Maine]  
  - 1. To F [French] 4 July 1850  

Relates that on his return to [Old Town] he discovered that the Indians had asked for and obtained a Protestant school; told the Indians that he would not stay with them any longer; the "good" Indians asked him to stay; he would stay only if: 1.] the different parties stopped quarreling, 2.] a Catholic school was established in place of the Protestant school; the chief of

the new party agreed to try to stop the quarreling; the school will be a Catholic school; relates that things now appear to be progressing moothly; feels that problems may continue to arise; explains that he cannot leave the Indians and go to Bangor at this time.

3 pp.

2. To F [French] 20 September 1854  
 Requests that banns of marriage be announced in Bangor in accordance with the laws of the church; asks permission to say two Masses on Sunday in the same church; asks permission to begin repairs on the college at Benedicta; relates his plan to ban non-observant Catholics from church; feels that he should refuse the sacraments to those who sell rum; asks F for support; informs F that land has been bought on which a church is to be built; plans to start building in the spring.  
 4 pp.
  
3. To F [French] 20 October 1854  
 Informs F that Father Eugene Vetremille has arrived in Maine; asks F to write to William Crosby, the Governor of Maine, to get authorization for Vetremille to perform marriages; informs F that the *Bangor Journal* carries an account of the tarring and feathering of Bapst by the Know-Nothings in Ellsworth, Maine; tells F that he has received expressions of sympathy from both Catholics, and Protestants; Postscript: the executive committee will be meeting in November to decide the question of marriage licenses.  
 3 pp.
  
- 1.6 Barnabo, Cardinal Alexander [Congregation de Propaganda Fide]
  1. To F [Latin] 30 April 1854  
 Discusses the case of Georgiana Pearce.  
 1 p.
  
  2. To F [Latin] 13 December 1862  
 Communicates to F the story of an audience with the Pope that he attended on the subject of the Ursuline convent.  
 1 p.
  
  3. To F [Latin] 8 August 1863  
 Concerns debt of Ursuline property; tells F that he approved of Rev. Patrick Lyndon's decision to join the Society of Jesus.  
 1 p.
  
  4. To F [Latin] 18 May 1864  
 Concerns Archdiocese of New York and the succession of Archbishop John McCloskey.  
 1 p.
  
  5. To F [Latin] 7 January 1865  
 Concerns granting of faculties for priest preparing to enter the Diocese of Boston.  
 1 p.
  
  6. To F [Latin] 13 July 1865  
 Expresses concern over support of the Fenians by Americans.  
 1 p.
  
  7. To F [Latin] 20 November 1865  
 Concerns establishment of college in Boston.  
 1 p.

8. To F [Latin] 10 January 1866  
 Appoints John J. Williams coadjutor of the Diocese of Boston.  
 1 p.
9. To F [Latin] 9 February 1866  
 Concerns Rev. Thomas Walsh who desires to go to Boston.  
 1 p.
- 1.7 Barrett, Mary Boston  
 From F 11 April 1848  
 Promissory note for \$231; note stating payment was received on 26 September 1848.  
 1 p.
- 1.8 Bayley, Bishop James Roosevelt Paris  
 From F 7 November 1854  
 Note for \$512.18.  
 1 p.
- 1.9 Berttre, Rev. Orleans [France]  
 To F [French] 19 April 1854  
 Informs F that they have met twice; informs F that he is a seminarian at Orleans; asks F's permission to serve as a priest in the Diocese of Boston; claims that he has some knowledge of English.  
 2 pp.
- 1.10 Bond, George F. Boston  
 1. To F March 1854  
 Encloses transcription of promissory note for \$1900 from F to George Dwight; notes interest payments on the loan; statement that F was acting for the Catholic congregation at Springfield and that the congregation was to repay the loan; claims that note was paid by John Doherty of Springfield; F contends that Dwight has no cause for complaint.  
 4 pp.
2. To F 5 March 1854  
 Statement detailing the events of the mortgage of the Catholic Church of Springfield to George Dwight; describes the payment of the debt.  
 6 pp.
- 1.11 Boston, Aldermen. Boston  
 To F 31 May 1858  
 Notice informing F that Devonshire St. is to be extended.  
 1 p.
- 1.12 Boston. "Catholic." Boston  
 To F 14 February 1847  
 Requests F to put a stop to lecturing of the "fake monk" Leahy; asks F's advice on matter; note in F's hand stating no answer should be sent as it is probably a counterfeit incident.  
 2 pp.
- 1.13 Boston. Clergy. Boston  
 1. From F 14 November 1852



Appoints month of December for publication of papal jubilee; asks that the clergy announce this to their congregations; states conditions under which indulgences may be obtained; encloses letter from Pius IX announcing the jubilee.  
2 pp. [2 copies]

2. To F 7 February 1854  
Present F with \$6070 for his trip to Europe; contains F's response in which he thanks the clergy for their generosity.  
1 p.
  
- 1.14 Boston School Committee Boston  
From F 21 March 1859  
Discusses the enforced use of the Protestant version of the Bible in the Boston public schools, the recitation of the Protestant version of the ten commandments, and the recitation of the Protestant version of the Lord's Prayer; explains why Catholics may not participate in these activities.  
7 pp. [typescript, 4 pp.]
  
- 1.15 Boston Daily Advertiser Boston  
From F July 1851  
Thanks them for printing his letter on the depopulation of Ireland; refutes anti-Catholic statements which F claims were printed in the paper concerning Catholics who do not work on Holy Days of obligation; claims many Catholics do work on Holy Days of obligation.  
6 pp.
  
- 1.16 Bourbourg, Abbé Charles Etienne Brasseur de Rome
  1. To F [French] 22 December 1846  
Describes his trip from the United States to Rome; relates decisions of the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide; remembers the time spent with F pleasantly; tells F the documents from the Council of Baltimore have arrived at the Propaganda; wishes F happy holidays; relates story of a piece that was published by anti-Catholics.  
3 pp.
  
  2. To F [partially in French] 15 November 1851  
Informs F that the political situation of Europe will prevent him from publishing a scientific or historical work; relates that the Brownsons have not yet arrived at Saint Sulpice; tells F he felt out of place in his native Flanders; reports on the present political situation of Europe and the role being played by the priests and bishops; asks F if he knows that the Superior of the Dominicans is French.  
4 pp.
  
- 1.17 Bridge, James H. Boston  
To F 15 January 1856  
Encloses \$25 to repay loan; informs F he will continue his medical studies in Boston; relates that he is allowing all religious controversy to rest for the moment.  
2 pp.
  
- 1.18 Brown, Thomas [Boston]  
To F 4 December 1855

Receipt for bank books that were being held by F.  
1 p.

- 1.19 Brownson, Orestes A. New York  
 1. To F 1857  
 Introduces Mrs. George Curtis who was an abolitionist; she thinks she would like to convert to Catholicism; thanks F for his kindnesses.  
 2 pp.
2. To F 16 December 1858  
 Thanks F for his expression of sympathy on the death of Brownson's child; informs F he does not think that his son committed suicide; expresses thanks on behalf of his wife.  
 2 pp. + envelope.
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- 1.20 Buckley, John Washington, DC  
 1. To F 6 March 1865  
 Asks F to let him know when F has received the money and the watch; tells F his parents live in Ireland; wants his parents to receive the money if he should die.  
 2 pp.
- 1.21 Buckley, Timothy Ship Island, Mississippi  
 1. To F 5 March 1862  
 Asks F to send the money he receives from B to B's brother-in-law; wants his children to be brought from Ireland to the United States; asks F to look after the children when they arrive in the United States.  
 2 pp.
2. To F 18 December 1862  
 Asks F to give the money that he sent to Eugene and Helena Buckley.  
 1 p.
- 1.22 Byrne, Ann Maria Boston  
 1. To F Undated  
 Requests F to sign insurance policy.  
 1 p.
2. To F 10 July 1848  
 Requests F to act as her trustee and sell land in Newton to Caspar Soll.  
 2 pp.
3. To F 13 July 1848  
 Directs proceeds from sale of land to be given to Marcus Byrne; receipt for money received from Caspar Soll.  
 1 p.
4. To F 17 October 1849  
 Requests F to secure payment of note from Caspar Soll.  
 1 p.

5. To F 5 February 1851  
Requests F to give Elijah Morse mortgage deed for land in Newton.  
1 p.
  6. To F 7 February 1851  
Requests F to convey land in Newton to Caspar Soll.  
1 p.
  7. To F 19 July 1851  
Requests F to convey land in Newton to Aaron Willard.  
1 p..
  8. To F 19 July 1851  
States terms of payment by Aaron Willard for land in Newton.  
1 p.
  9. To F 19 June 1852  
Requests F to convey mortgage to Aiden Hall in order to settle a debt.  
1 p.
  10. To F 3 June 1853  
Requests F to transfer Aaron Willard's note to Asassh Churchill.  
1 p.
  11. To F 3 June 1853  
Requests F to transfer Aaron Willard's mortgage and notes to Asassh Churchill.  
1 p.
- 1.23 Carney, Andrew Boston
1. To F July-August 1848  
Statement of accounts.  
1p.
  2. To F June-October 1859  
Statement of accounts.  
1 p.
  3. To F October 1860  
Statement of accounts paid.  
1 p.
  4. To F October 1860-July 1861  
Statement of accounts.  
1 p.
  5. To F August-November 1862  
Statement of accounts.  
1 p.
- 1.24 Carrière, Abbé M., SS Paris

1. To F [French] 16 May 1846  
Relates that Rev. Welch has arrived; agrees with F's opinion on secret societies; discusses financial matters; expresses sorrow over Bishop Fenwick's death; discusses seminary at Montreal.  
2 pp.
2. To F [French] 14 April 1847  
Expresses contentment with Rev. Welch; informs F Welch will be a great priest; suggests F write to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith if he desires funds from them.  
1 p.
3. To F [French] 11 July 1847  
Expresses happiness at Rev. George Goodwin's success; reports on various seminarians; discusses financial matters relating to seminarians; asks F to pray for the seminary at Montreal.  
2 pp.
4. To F [French] 9 March 1848  
Discusses the effects of the revolution of 1848; asks F to have his priests pray for France; discusses financial affairs; informs F that Rev. Quiblier has arrived from Lourdes; expresses satisfaction with seminarians.  
3 pp.
5. To F [French] 21 November 1851  
Reports on the progress of Rev. Deluol; informs F he has met Orestes Brownson and his wife; tells F the political situation is very grave; reports on success of the seminary.  
2 pp.
- 1.25 Ciampi, Rev. Anthony Francis, SJ [Worcester]  
To F [Latin] Undated  
Invites F to visit the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.  
1 p.
- 1.26 Clark, John Boston  
To F 2 July 1859  
F's receipt for money borrowed by John Clark.  
1 p.
- 1.27 Clifford, David Boston  
To F 19 December 1864  
Receipt for \$645 from F which Clifford promises to pay on demand [2 copies]; written in Bishop James Augustine Healy's hand.  
1 p.
- 1.28 Congregatione Generali et Universalis Inquisitionis Rome  
[Later became Congregation of the Holy Office]  
To F [Latin] 24 February 1847  
Responses about matrimony.  
7 pp.
- 1.29 Conlon, James Burlington [Vermont]  
To F 23 February 1855

Requests loan of \$200 from F; states the Bishop of Burlington [Louis de Goesbriand] authorized him to make this request before leaving for Europe; reports that de Goesbriand is in good health.

1 p.

- 1.30 Conlon, John and Rafferty, Patrick Cambridge  
 1. Promissory note for \$1500. 30 March 1859.  
 1 p.
2. Promissory note for \$1500. 30 March 1859  
 1 p.
3. From F 27 May 1864  
 Envelope with note written on it stating loans have been paid in full.  
 1 p.
- 1.31 Connell, Rev. J. H. Perth Amboy, New Jersey  
 To F 12 November 1864  
 Requests permission to return to former position as assistant priest of the Cathedral Chapel; the parish he is presently serving cannot support him.  
 2 pp.
- 1.32 Conner, Patrick Boston  
 To F 24 May 1847  
 Requests Provident Institution for Savings to pay F all money deposited in his account.  
 1 p.
- 1.33 Crolly, Archbishop William Armagh [Ireland]  
 1. From F 27 February 1847  
 Encloses £4117 from the Diocese of Boston; informs Crolly Protestants have also contributed to the fund; tells Crolly provisions are also being sent; hopes the US will send naval vessels to carry the provisions; asks that the money be distributed as soon as possible; tells Crolly some members of diocese have formed permanent aid societies; expresses sympathy for those who have been hurt by the famine.  
 7 pp.
2. To F 22 March 1847  
 Acknowledges monetary contribution sent by the Diocese of Boston to aid those hurt by the famine; states the money will be distributed without regard to religion.  
 2 pp.
3. To F 21 May 1847  
 Acknowledges receipt of 800 pounds to aid victims of famine; thanks F and Diocese of Boston  
 2 pp.
- 1.34 Cullen, Archbishop Paul Dublin [Ireland]  
 To F 27 May 1853

Introduces Revs. Donnelly and Mullen who are soliciting contributions for a Catholic university.

4 pp. + envelope.

- 1.35 Daly, James Cork, [Ireland]  
 To F 29 June 1849  
 Asks F's assistance in aiding some orphans who are on route to Boston; explains the circumstances surrounding situation; asks F to handle money he is sending for them; back page contains note in F's hand indicating money was distributed to the children.  
 4 pp.
- 1.36 Devin, Bishop [Belfast, Ireland]  
 Informs F that memorial for Alexander McAllister is a proper one; asks for F's help in the matter.  
 1 p.
- 1.37 Dollard, Bishop William Fredericton, New Brunswick  
 1. To F 30 October 1844  
 Reports there is no record that John or Jerry Donovan held a pew in the church; states rules on marriage impediments.  
 2 pp.
2. To F 5 July 1847  
 Reports that authorities in Quebec and Montreal say he cannot relinquish his authority over Madawaska without the approval of the Holy See; appoints F his Vicar General; hopes to see F at Eastport.  
 3 pp.
- 1.38 Duffy, Michael Boston  
 From F 16 February. J853  
 Document noting sale of pew in St. Patrick Church, Boston [Roxbury] to Michael Duffy.  
 1 p.
- 1.39 Early, Hugh California  
 To F 23 November 1855  
 Authorizes F to withdraw money from his bank account; encloses money for F to disburse.  
 2 pp.
- 1.40 Eck, Rev. Gustavus, SJ Aix-la-Chapelle [France]  
 1. To F [French] 3 June 1855  
 Hopes Rev. Stonestreet will give him an idea of the state of affairs of the German church; presents proposals to his Superior General and to F; lists the proposals; asks for F's response.  
 3 pp.
2. To F [French] 31 July 1856  
 Regrets he cannot respond as F would like him to; reports his superior knows he desires to cross the ocean; tells F he is praying to St. Ignatius for the granting of this favor.  
 2 pp.
3. To F [French] 15 December 1856

time. Regrets he may not do as F requested him to; states he has wanted to return to Boston for a long

3 pp.

- 1.41 Emiliano, Rev. Charleston [South Carolina]  
 From F [Latin] 4 July 1864  
 Requests Emiliano to go to Buffalo.  
 1 p.
- 1.42 Etheridge, Rev. John, SJ Rome  
 To F 18 February 1855  
 Informs F he has absolved Rev. Michael O'Beirne from all censures and restored his faculties under the condition that he resign within one year; hopes he will be reinstated before the end of the year.  
 1 p.
- 1.43 Etienne, Sister M. [Boston]  
 To F 23 July 1849  
 Informs F she cannot supply the number of competent sisters needed to staff St. Mary's School; the Sisters already there will be transferred.  
 1 p.
- 1.44 Farrell, William Boston  
 From F 25 July 1846  
 Document noting sale of pew in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Boston to William Farrell.  
 1 p.
- 1.45 Felton, C. C. Boston  
 From F [1861]  
 Thanks him for bestowing an honorary degree from Harvard University upon F.  
 2 pp.
- 1.46 Ffrench, Rev. Charles D., SJ [Portland, Maine]  
 To F Undated  
 Reports Mr. Storrow took up a collection among the laborers for the famine victims in Ireland; compliments F on his success in raising money for the victims; presents accounts of Portland church; claims that sale of land was to pay a debt of honor.  
 3 pp.
- 1.47 Finotti, Rev. Joseph M. Brookline  
 To F 4 May 1855  
 Reports on the financial obligations of the church; asks permission to build a house; asks F to come to Brookline.  
 4 pp.
- 1.48 Fitton, Rev. James, SJ Newport  
 To F 23 April 1847  
 Asks F to ask Rev. Gibson to pay Fitton what is owed to him; claims that his wants are provided for; includes financial statement of money owed to him by Rev. Gibson.  
 1 p.
- 1.49 Fitzgibbon, Ellen Boston

- From F 18 April 1848  
 Promise to pay Ellen Fitzgibbon \$400 with interest upon demand.  
 1 p.
- 1.50 Fitzpatrick, Bishop John Bernard Boston  
 1. Miscellaneous financial memo. Undated  
 1 p.
2. To F Undated  
 Presentation of \$2000 to F upon his return from Europe by congregation of Chapel of the Holy  
 Cross.  
 1 p.
3. To F Undated  
 Compliment F on the success of Catholicism in the diocese during his episcopate; welcome F  
 back from Europe on behalf of a group of Boston clergy.  
 2 pp.
4. To F Undated  
 Welcome F back from Europe.  
 2 pp.
5. Sermon on the Epiphany. Undated  
 1 p.
6. Sermon on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Undated  
 1 p.
7. Sermon Delivered on XIV Sunday after Pentecost. Undated  
 1 p.
8. From F [to unidentified correspondent] Undated  
 States the Sisters of Charity are about to begin their retreat this evening; feels he should not be  
 the one to preach to them as he is their regular confessor; asks the correspondent if he will  
 preach to them; explains how often this should occur over the course of the retreat.  
 1 p.
9. From F [to unidentified correspondent] Undated  
 Introduces the bearer of the letter as someone who wants to place her son in school;  
 recommends her to his correspondent.  
 1 p.
10. To F [Latin] 13 June 1840  
 F's letter of ordination.  
 1 p.
11. From F [to unidentified correspondent] 8 July 1845



- Introduces Rev. McGrath who would like to find a teaching position at a college; states McGrath is too timid to preach but can say Mass; hopes McGrath will be able to overcome his shyness.  
1 p.
12. Outline of a sermon [Latin] [1846-1866]  
1 p.
13. Notes on financial matters. [1846-1866]  
1 p.
14. Series of questions [Latin] [1846-1866]  
1 p.
15. Note on amount of money owed to Dr. Woodlock. [1846-1866]  
1 p.
16. Note from F to write to Brother Angelus, [1846-1866]  
Superior of the Franciscans, concerning false accusation against Brother Felix.  
1 p.
17. From F [1846-1866]  
Directs Dr. Devon to ascertain if John Savage has any living heirs; reverse contains note on church in Blackstone.  
2 pp.
18. Note on marriage dispensation [Latin] [1846-1866]  
reverse contains note as to where various people are living.  
2 pp.
19. Notes on several people [Latin] [1846-1866]  
2 pp.
20. To F 14 September 1846  
Appointment of F as administrator of will of Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick.  
1 p.
21. From F 1847-1855  
Bank book and account of marriage dispensation.  
1 p.
22. Promissory note to Francesco Chigi. 1 April 1848  
1 p.
23. Promissory note to Julia Lyons. 28 April 1848  
1 p.
24. Account of money borrowed for church 1848-1856  
on Purchase Street [St. Vincent de Paul] ; also contains records of pew rentals for St. Mary's Church, 1836-1837.  
1 volume.

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| 1.51 | Fitzpatrick, Bishop John Bernard   | Boston            |
|      | 1. F's agenda for Seventh Provincial Council of Baltimore [Latin]<br>3 pp.   | [1849]            |
|      | 2. Promissory note to Francis Cicchi<br>reverse contains notation of interest payments.<br>1 p.  | 12 February 1850  |
|      | 3. Promissory note to Anastasia Roach.<br>1 p.   | 25 May 1850       |
|      | 4. Promissory note to Mary Foley.<br>1 p.  | 29 May 1850       |
|      | 5. Pastoral Letter<br>Announces a Jubilee; praises Pius IX; announces goals of Jubilee; states the conditions under which indulgences may be gained; states time period for the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.<br>9 pp. [pages 1 & 2 are missing, typescript included] | 26 February 1851  |
|      | 6. Note on money left in F's care by Ellen Galligan.<br>1 p.   | 14 November 1851  |
|      | 7. Records statistics for baptisms, marriages, burials<br>2 pp.  | 1852              |
|      | 8. Last Will of F<br>Bequeaths property and possessions; statement attached appointing Archbishop John J. Williams as administrator of F's will.<br>8 pp.  | 25 September 1852 |
|      | 9. To F<br>Poem, possibly written in F's honor.<br>1 p.  | 1 November 1852   |
|      | 10. Promissory note witnessed by F<br>to the estate of Patrick Mooney; reverse contains note in F's hand that the debt was settled.<br>2 pp.   | 21 June 1853      |
|      | 11. Last Will of F<br>Appoints Bishop John McCloskey of Albany executor; bequeaths property and possessions.<br>2 pp.  | 1 February 1854   |
|      | 12. Note that \$177 was received from Julia Lyons.<br>1 p.   | 8 December 1854   |
|      | 13. Accounts of convent in Roxbury.<br>2 pp.   | 1857-1864         |

14. List of mortgaged property. 1858-1863  
1 p.
15. Promissory note to Julia Lyons 5 August 1857  
written by James A. Healy per F.  
1 p.
16. Sermon on the old Cathedral [16 September 1860]  
Dates history of the Catholic Church in New England from the arrival of Rev. Francis A. Matignon and Archbishop John L. Cheverus; notes that the old Cathedral was build with the help of Protestant contributions; praises Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick; reports on the present state of the Catholic Church in New England.  
11 pp.
- 1.52 Fitzsimmons, Rev. Terence Boston  
From F [a copy] 29 April 1853  
Had feared that another Rev. Hogan was in their midst; perhaps F's leniency in dealing with the situation has caused things to work out for the best; expresses concern over priests of the diocese; finds that he cannot allow Fitzsimons another chance; asks Fitzsimmons to prepare accounts of his two churches.  
3 pp.
- 1.53 Fornetti, Cardinal Aloysius Rome  
From F [partially in Latin] 30 April 1854  
Requests answer on marriage case; note claims that answer was never received.  
3 pp.
- 1.54 Fransoni, Cardinal James Philip Rome  
To F [Latin] 5 October 1844  
Concerns F's consecration as coadjutor of the Diocese of Boston.  
1 p.
- 2.1 General Theological Library Boston  
To F 5 August 1862  
F's share in General Theological Library.  
1 p.
- 2.2 Gillick, Rev. Philip Greenville [Rhode Island]  
To F 4 May 1857  
Reports the congregation at North Attleboro [Massachusetts] is willing to assume full financial responsibility for the building of a church; informs F the deed to this church is in F's name; asks F's approval on an estimate a carpenter has submitted for the building of the church.  
2 pp.
- 2.3 Goddard, Iasigi and Co. Boston  
1. To F 1860-1861  
Statement of F's accounts.  
2 pp.
2. To F 1860-1863  
Statement of F's accounts.  
1 p.

3. To F 1862  
Statement of F's accounts.  
1 p.
4. From F 1862-1863  
Statement of F's accounts.  
1 p.
- 2.4 Godfrey, Francis and Committee Boston  
To F 10 December 1860  
Report all control of the "Catholic Friends Society" has been relinquished and given to F in  
accordance with F's request.  
1 p.
- 2.5 Green, William F. Virginia  
To F 8 May 1863  
States he has sent F \$179 to hold for him until he returns; tells F that if anything happens to  
him, the money should be sent to Rev. D. Buck.  
1 p.
- Gregory XVI Rome  
*Over* 1. To F 21 November 1843  
*Size* Appoints F coadjutor of Diocese of Boston.  
1 p.
- Over* 2. To F 21 November 1843  
*Size* Appoints F Bishop of Gallipoli.  
1 p.
- 2.6 Harney, James Boston  
To F 8 November 1845  
Agreement of sale of land by Harney to F.  
1 p.
- 2.7 Hayes, James Boston  
From F 25 August 1851  
Certifies that Hayes is owed \$1150 on Sts. Peter and Paul Church in South Boston.  
1 p.
- 2.8 Healey, Laura Paris  
To F 28 August 1855  
Claims she has never spoken disrespectfully of F; states her husband will be the bearer of this  
letter; reports that the children are growing up; contains note in F's hand that Laura Healey had  
converted to Catholicism but relapsed when she was among herfamily and friends in Europe.  
4 pp.
- 2.9 Healy, Rev. James A. Boston  
1. From F 26 September 1857  
Instructs Healy to examine the accounts for the quarter; reports on his health.  
1 p.

2. To F 1862  
 Encloses transcription of letter from Cardinal Alexander Barnabb concerning the Ursuline property [Latin]; states there has been no problem with the property since Healy took it over; states he will probably go to Rome again.  
 2 pp.
3. From F 5 February 1866  
 Gives power of attorney to Healy; envelope contains notations on legal releases.  
 4 pp. + envelope
- 2.10 Hearne, Rev. Daniel Taunton  
 To F 15 June 1858  
 Responds to F's request for information about debts on the church at Taunton; promises to send detailed information.  
 2 pp.
- 2.11 Hoit, William Henry St. Albans, Vermont  
 To F 22 May 1847  
 Notes there is no church or priest in immediate vicinity; asks F to send a priest to the area; relates the people are willing to build a church if a priest will be provided; hopes priest would be fluent in both French and English; claims the Protestants are trying to convert the Catholics; asks F's permission to hold prayer services on Sundays until a priest is sent to them; calls F's attention to the situation of the mission at Burlington; informs F they are looking forward to his annual episcopal visitation.  
 3 pp.
- 2.12 Howe, Rev. A. DeWolfe Boston  
 1. To F Undated  
 Notice of insurance policy transfer.  
 1 p.
2. From F 23 July 1853  
 F agrees to pay Howe \$73.50; agreement as to how the taxes on the Roxbury estate are to be paid.  
 1 p.
3. To F 7 January 1854  
 Discusses the unpaid tax on a piece of property; asks F to check into the matter.  
 1 p.
- 2.13 Hughes, Archbishop John New York  
 To F 12 November 1855  
 States he does not know anything about what F has asked him; reports he could not encourage the mission list; feels an American bishop should speak in the name of all concerning the establishment of a college in Rome.  
 1 p.
- 2.14 *Irish Pictorial* [Boston]

- Bill for advertising; requests F's attention to the matter.  
1 p.
- 2.15 James, John W. [Boston?]  
From F 19 June 1849  
Promissory note from John W. James to Eunice James; envelope contains certification in F's hand that he is holding the note until the debt is settled.  
1 p. + envelope.
- 2.16 Juncker, Bishop Henry Damian Alton [Illinois]  
1. To F 7 October 1864  
Regrets he ordained Rev. John Larmers; claims that Larmers is only concerned with making money; hopes F will not give Larmers his own congregation; reports there will be a retreat next week.  
1 p.
2. To F 21 October 1864  
States he has received F's letter; reports at he shares F's complaints.  
1 p.
3. To F 12 December 1864  
Requests information on Rev. Madden who has requested entrance into the Diocese of Alton; informs F that he does not wish to be deceived by a priest again.  
1 p.
- 2.17 Kelleher, Bridget Boston  
1. To F 13 December 1850  
Note stating that \$20 was received from F.  
1 p.
2. To F 7 March 1851  
Note stating that \$30 was received from F.  
1 p.
- 2.18 Kelleher, Ellen Boston  
To F 2 June 1851  
Note stating that \$45 was received from F.  
1 p.
- 2.19 Kenrick, Archbishop Francis Patrick Baltimore  
1. To F [Latin] 21 November 1851  
Invites F to Plenary Council at Baltimore.  
1 p.
2. To F 26 August 1854  
Congratulates F on safe return from Europe; asks F to tell Rev. Hynes he regretted not being able to see him; sends F constitution of the society that has been organized to aid converts in distress; states he does not agree with Orestes Brownson's opinions on "adopted citizens;" claims bigots are not representing the feelings of most Americans accurately.  
2 pp.
3. To F 9 March 1857

Informs F he hopes that Orestes Brownson will lecture in Baltimore; claims he is trying to change the "Litanies" but will probably be unsuccessful; informs F the President [James Buchanan] lifted his hat when he passed the Archepiscopal residence in Baltimore; tells F Bishop Cretin has died.

1 p.

- 2.20 King, Jane F. [Boston]  
 To F 2 August 1859  
 Informs F her brother gave her the enclosed but she cannot use it; gives it to F; asks F for prayers; no enclosure was found.  
 1 p.
- 2.21 Kirby, Rev. T. French College [Rome]  
 To F 16 February 1855  
 Reports he has received F's favor by Rev. Michael O'Beirne; informs F O'Beirne has settled his affairs; tells F he advised Rev. O'Beirne to return to his mission immediately; reports Rev. Bedini is well.  
 1 p.
- 2.22 Kittredge and Blakes Boston  
 From F [and George Riordan] 23 December 1847  
 Promissory note to repay \$232.12 over 4 months.  
 1 p.
- 2.23 Lancaster, Rev. John Pittsburgh  
 To F 20 November 1847  
 "Extract of a letter:" claims a successor must be found for Bishop Guy I. Chabrat of the Diocese of Kentucky; hopes Chabrat's successor will be good for the church in Kentucky; reports rumors claim that Rev. Martin J. Spalding will be the next bishop of Kentucky; postscript states Rev. John Lancaster's opinion is valuable and educated.  
 1 p.
- 2.24 Lang, W. Bailey [Boston]  
 1. To F 6 August 1853  
 Requests F to pay \$73.50 for insurance; states that Rev. Howe is to pay ½ of the taxes.  
 3 pp.
2. To F 8 August 1853  
 Receipt for \$73.50 paid by F for insurance.  
 1 p.
- 2.25 Lawrence Loan Fund Association [Lawrence, Massachusetts]  
 From F [and J.H.D. Taaffe] 18 November 1856  
 State they owe Lawrence Loan Fund Association \$9060; agree to pay \$125.30 per month.  
 2 pp.
- 2.26 LeFèvre, Rev. B, OFM Hoboken [New Jersey]  
 To F [French] 23 July 1859  
 Reports he was given an audience with pope [Gregory XVI] through intercession of Archbishop Bedini; Bedini gave him a catechism for F; tells F the books were shipped to him because he would be traveling throughout Europe; informs F a woman named Clark asked to be

remembered to him; tells F about a seminarian who will be ordained to the diaconate next September despite the objections of his family; the seminarian wants to be a missionary; asks F if he would like him for the Diocese of Boston; hopes to hear a response from F soon.  
2 pp.

- 2.27 Lennon, Joseph  
To F  
27 April 1847  
College of the Holy Cross  
[Worcester, Mass.]  
Asks F to accept him as a candidate for priesthood; wishes to remain at college for another year.  
1 p.
- 2.28 Lévêque, Rev. Zéphérine  
To F [French]  
15 February 1847  
Worcester  
Reports that some towns in Vermont have not had a priest since F visited them two years ago; claims the families he visited received him enthusiastically; suggests a resident priest be sent to them.  
3 pp.
- 2.29 L'Homme, Rev. Francis  
1. From F [Latin]  
Undated  
Baltimore  
Fragment of letter condemning studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland.  
1 p.
2. To F  
20 September 1856  
Reports three subdeacons and one deacon have been ordained; hopes the seminarians have profited from their annual retreat; tells F Mr. Higgins chose not to receive the tonsure.  
2 pp.
- 2.30 Losserand, Claude  
To F [French]  
22 April 1854  
Orleans [France]  
Introduces himself as a resident of the seminary at Orleans; expresses a desire to serve in the missions of North America; lists his educational qualifications; explains why he is requesting information from F; hopes F will accept him; claims that he can supply all the necessary documents; will acquire all the language skills necessary to carry on a successful ministry in the Diocese of Boston; informs F he can leave for Boston by October; hopes to see his family and to obtain the money for his voyage; believes it is God's will he go to Boston; states he will wait for F's response.  
4 pp.
- 2.31 Lowell, Congregation in  
From F  
Undated  
Lowell  
Expresses regret that he was not able to be present at the sale of pews for the church; informs congregation the pastor is not to blame for postponing the sale; tells congregation he is upset by the complaints of some members of the congregation; hopes their statements will be retracted.  
4 pp. [the end of this document appears to be missing]
- 2.32 Luques, Rev.  
To F [French]  
2 July 1844  
Ponde, Cherrie [France]  
Relates where various priests are going; thinks F may be surprised by the rapid dispersion of these priests; tells F a book will arrive at the same time as this letter; discusses the days of the "great missions;" asks F for details on the early church.



3 pp.

- 2.33 McAllister, Alexander Belfast [Ireland]  
 To F [July 1854]  
 Concerns money owed to him by Rev. John Boyce; asks F to help him in the matter.  
 2 pp.
- 2.34 McDonald, Rev. William Manchester, New Hampshire  
 1. To F 30 December 1850  
 Informs F of details of agreement between him and Tobias Boland to build a church in Manchester; claims he did not read the written agreement he signed; states the written agreement was fraudulently obtained; informs F that Boland has not completed the church according to the specifications.  
 3 pp.
2. To F 2 September 1865  
 Informs F he paid for a part of a seminarian's college education; claims that since his seminary expenses are now being paid by the Diocese of Boston and the seminarian will serve in this diocese when ordained, the money paid by McDonald for his college education should be refunded.  
 3 pp.
- 2.35 McGowan, Rev. L. St. Albans [Vermont]  
 To F 6 January 1853  
 Sends F one-half of the money collected for the Jubilee in his mission; states that only one convert contributed to the collection; reports on the progress of the mortgage payments; tells F other priests are allowing him to collect in their missions.  
 2 pp. [letter badly damaged]
- 2.36 McNally, James and Committee Swanton, Vermont  
 To F 12 February 1847  
 Request a resident priest on behalf of the Catholics at Swanton, St. Albans, Fairfield, and Highgate; report they have raised \$400 for the support of a priest; inform F there is a partially finished church at Swanton Falls; ask F to dedicate the church when it is completed.  
 2 pp.
- 2.37 McSweeney, George Macroon, Cork, Ireland  
 To F 4 January 1852  
 Encloses check to Handen & Co. and asks F to give it to them; claims it is a case of charity; regrets causing F any trouble.  
 3 pp. + envelope.
- 2.38 Mack, Silas Boston  
 To F 3 February 1859  
 Receipt for \$174.  
 1 p.
- 2.39 Madigan, Hon. James C. Fort Kent [Maine]  
 1. To F 6 March 1847  
 Expresses his views concerning the building of St. Basil's Church in Madawaska; feels a church should be built; reports he does not think it matters where the church is built; discusses the boundary dispute between the British and the Americans; explains the difficulty that he is having trusting the parish priest; hopes F will visit them in May.

- 8 pp.
2. To F 9 April 1847  
 Reports the people are able and willing to support a priest; discusses the financial situation of the people; hopes F will visit.  
 3 pp.
  - 2.40 Maguire, Dennis [estate of] Manchester, New Hampshire  
 To F 13 June 1850  
 Heirs of Dennis Maguire give F power of attorney.  
 3 pp.
  - 2.41 Maguire, John Aughantragh, [Ireland]  
 To F 29 June 1850  
 Asks F if he will receive the money left to John Maguire by Dennis Maguire; directs F how and where to send the money.  
 2 pp.
  - 2.42 Maquay, Pakenham, and Smyth Leghorn, [Italy]  
 To F 17 July 1854  
 Notification of products shipped from Italy to Boston.  
 1 p.
  - 2.43 Mahoney, John J. Boston  
 To F 4 October 1846  
 Bond for \$200.  
 1 p.
  - 2.44 Massachusetts, Legislature Boston  
 From F [26 March 1855]  
 Explains that a "nunnery" does not exist in Massachusetts; claims people have always been allowed to inspect convents with the exception of private apartments; states the committee inspecting the convent was offensive to both the sisters and the students; asks that a new committee be appointed who are willing to respect the rights of others.  
 4 pp.
  - 2.45 Mathew, Rev. Theobald Cork [Ireland]  
    1. To F 10 June 1844  
 Introduces Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Desmond.  
 3 pp.
    2. To F 7 September 1849  
 Expresses gratitude for F's kindnesses; thanks the Boston clergy.  
 2 pp.
  - 2.46 Meacham, George; Slocomb, Samuel; Dana, Thomas; and Sage, Solomon Boston  
 From F 1 February 1851  
 Promissory note for \$618.44 over five years.  
 1 p.

- 2.47 Menahan, Martin; McLaughlin, John; Black, John                      Sandwich [Massachusetts]  
       To F    2 October 1864  
       Grants F permission to authorize Rev. Batoldi of St. Peter in Sandwich to dispose of the old  
       church so that the new one may be built.  
       1 p.
- 2.48 Merrotk, Jacob    Boston  
       To F    15 August 1856  
       Requests F to pay \$2000 that is owed to him.  
       1 p.
- 2.49 Mignault, Rev. Pierre    Chanbly?  
       To F [French]    30 July 1857  
       Tells F he will be spending sometime in Boston.  
       1 p.
- 2.50 Milmo, John    Benedicta, Maine  
       To F    7 August 1847  
       Deed to land in Aroostook County, Maine.  
       1 p.
- 2.51 Missionary Society of St. Paul, the Apostle                              New York  
       To F    April 1858  
       Transmit copy of decree concerning their separation from Redemptorists [decree written in  
       Latin]; state they plan to continue their missionary activities; introductory part signed by  
       Clarence S. Walworth.  
       1 p.
- 2.52 Mooney, Patrick    Boston  
       From F    2 December 1848  
       Receipt for \$165 for piece of land in Benedicta, Maine; reverse contains note witnessed by F  
       concerning the payment of note from Philip Finegan.  
       2 pp.
- 2.53 Moriarty, Rev.    Dublin  
       To F    15 April 1852  
       Thinks candidates for the priesthood from the areas of the United States that do not have  
       seminaries could be educated at All Hallows College at Dublin; discusses educational expenses;  
       prefers priests complete their seminary training before they leave for America; claims All  
       Hallows College is modeled after the College of Saint Sulpice in Paris; informs F that various  
       dioceses are happy with those priests who studied at All Hallows College.  
       6 pp.
- 2.54 Mulligan, James    Boston  
       To F    28 April 1852  
       Request to Seaman's Bank for Savings to pay F all money in a certain account; reverse contains  
       note in F's hand to pay money to Gregory Dillon.  
       2 pp.
- 2.55 Murphy, Patrick    Boston  
       From F    19 March 1846  
       Promissory note to Patrick Murphy for \$8000; also contains promissory note from Patrick  
       Murphy to John Foster and Horace B. Taylor dated 24 June 1846.

3 pp.

- 2.56 Murphy, Rev. Timothy, PP Fermoy [Ireland]  
 1. To F 14 April 1849  
 Asks F to give an enclosed sum of money to Patrick and Elizabeth Golden; pages 2 and 3 contain note in F's hand that the money was disbursed.  
 3 pp.
2. To F 18 June 1849  
 Receipt from Elizabeth Golden for money received from Rev. Timothy Murphy via F.  
 1 p.
3. To F 27 June 1849  
 Receipt from Patrick Golden for money received from Rev. Timothy Murphy via F.  
 1 p.
- 2.57 Murray P. Boston  
 From F 13 January 1851  
 Feels the object of United Shamrock Society is a laudable one; asks that the name of the organization be changed; thinks it should be stressed that only practicing Catholics are eligible for membership in the society; states he will officially approve the society if these conditions are met.  
 3 pp.
- 3.1 Nichols, T.L. St. Martins  
 To F 27 June 1849  
 Reports he has been made aware of an attack on him in *The Pilot*; claims he should not be attacked since he has converted to Catholicism; informs F he accepts the basic teachings of the church; asks F to pray for him.  
 4 pp.
- 3.2 Noonan, John Boston  
 To F 6 February 1857  
 Informs F the records and accounts of the United Shamrock Society are all under that name and the members are unwilling to change it; claims the members of their society are not able to determine who are practicing Catholics; reports they do not specifically exclude members of secret societies.  
 2 pp.
- 3.3 North Adams, Congregation in North Adams [Massachusetts]  
 To F 9 March 1847  
 Inform F they have purchased property in his name; ask F to take care of collecting the rent from the tenant on the property.  
 2 pp.
- 3.4 Notre Dame Academy Boston  
 To F 1 October 1865  
 Account of indebtedness of Notre Dame Academy and Roxbury convent.  
 1 p.

- 3.5 O'Brien, Rev. Nicholas J. Alexandria [Virginia]  
 1. To F November 1855  
 Hopes his retreat goes well; claims he could not have stayed any longer.  
 3 pp.
2. To F 4 December 1855  
 Reports he is in his second week of retreat; asks F's advice on what to do with his future; tells F prayer has helped him become more composed.  
 3 pp.
3. To F 11 December 1855  
 Thanks F for his letters; reports he is trying to secure approval to enter the Jesuits; tells F he has said Mass several times.  
 3 pp.
4. To F 18 December 1855  
 Reports he has been given permission to say Mass in Philadelphia; intends to go to Frederick, Maryland; thinks he has a vocation to be a Jesuit; reports he has found a place to live; asks F to send him the necessary papers in order for him to receive faculties in Philadelphia.  
 4 pp.
5. To F [24 December 1855]  
 Reports he is homesick for Holy Cross Cathedral.  
 3 pp.
6. To F 25 January 1856  
 Informs F he has arranged for a teaching position as a professor of dogma; tells F the Bishop is happy with him; the Provincial of the Jesuits thinks he will be accepted; regrets he did not always consider F a friend; includes note from Rev. Devitt stating he is very happy with O'Brien.  
 4 pp.
7. To F 29 February 1856  
 Tells F he does not like his new position; reports he is studying hard; requests dismissorial papers.  
 4 pp.
- 3.6 O'Callaghan, Rev. Jeremiah Burlington [Vermont]  
 To F 23 June 1847  
 Tells F he left Boston abruptly due to the fever epidemic in Burlington; compliments the native Americans on their handling of the situation; thinks parish boundaries are not firm enough; hopes F will visit in the fall; feels the works of Bishop England contain heresies; thinks the Bishops should take a firmer stand on Catholicism.  
 3 pp.
- 3.7 O'Connell, Bridget; Kelleher, Ellen, John, and William Boston  
 To F 14 July 1851  
 Agree to allow Michael D. Hart to receive money from F that is due to them; reverse contains note that Hart received the money from F.  
 2 pp.

- 3.8 O'Donnell, C [Montreal]  
 To F 1 June 1847  
 Informs F he is now a sub-deacon; tells F the directors only need F's consent to raise him to higher orders; claims he will be ordained before he leaves Montreal.  
 1 p.
- 3.9 O'Donnell, Rev. James Lawrence [Massachusetts]  
 To F 20 April 1857  
 Suggests the foundation of the church be laid during the summer; discusses the cost of the completed extension; gives a physical description of the extension; tells F a collection will be more successful if the foundation is laid.  
 4 pp
- 3.10 O'Grady, Michael and John Boston  
 From F 12 July 1851  
 Receipt of \$200 from William Poland to invest for Michael and John O'Grady.  
 1 p.
- 3.11 O'Reagan, Bishop Anthony Chicago  
 To F 11 April 1857  
 Discusses the problems of the Canadian Catholics; tells F he has arranged a mission for them; asks for F's advice concerning administering the sacraments to the people responsible for the problems; claims the purpose of this was to compel him to leave the Diocese of Chicago; informs F the Canadians claim he used diocesan funds for his own purposes; gives examples of the problems that he faces.  
 3 pp.
- 3.12 O'Rooke, Alexander and David Belfast [Ireland]  
 To F 14 July 1854  
 Enclose memorial and letter from Bishop Devin supporting memorial of Alexander McAllister.  
 1 p.
- 3.13 O'Sullivan, Rev. Thomas Bangor [Maine]  
 To F 8 December 1846  
 Discusses problem with shipment and payment of lumber; asks F to look into situation; tells F Mr. Larkin died suddenly; relates what he knows about Indian affairs; asks F to grant marriage dispensation.  
 3 pp.
- 3.14 Ochs, Tamer Boston  
 From F 17 November 1851  
 Promissory note for \$1700; notation by Archbishop John J. Williams that \$1296 was paid on 20 March 1854.  
 1 p.
- 3.15 Odin, Bishop John Marie Philadelphia  
 To F [French] 10 September 1849  
 Reports everyone in Quebec was pleasant and hospitable; informs F he has secured some sisters and priests from Texas; tells F he will never forget all that F has done for him.  
 1 p.
- 3.16 Pacciarini, Rev. B. Eastport [Maine]

- To F  
Encloses number of baptisms and marriages from Eastport parish registers; reports that Catholics in Pembroke were not able to build a church; reports debt on Machias church is nearly paid.  
1 p.
- 17 February 1854
- 3.17 Peirce, Henry A. Boston  
From F 4 May 1851  
Notifies Peirce a chaplain will be allowed to accompany Irish Brigade when they join the US Army.  
1 p.
- 3.18 Pierce, President Franklin Boston  
From F 11 January 1853  
Expresses sympathy on the death of Pierce's child; tells Pierce he will pray for him.  
2 pp.
- 3.19 Piper, Solomon Boston  
To F 14 December 1857  
Lease for house at 9 South Street in Boston.  
1 p.
- 3.20 Pius IX Rome
1. To F [Latin] 20 November 1846  
Apostolic letter announcing the Jubilee.  
15 pp. [2 copies]
  2. To F [Italian] 28 May 1854  
Concerns F's visit to Rome and the granting of faculties.  
1 p.
  3. To F [Latin with English translation] 8 December 1854  
States Mary was free from original sin; proclaims the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary; discusses the tradition behind this doctrine; states that Mary is the model of purity and innocence; reports there is a demand for the Immaculate Conception to be proclaimed as dogma.  
42 pp. [includes English translation]
  4. To F [Latin] January 1855  
Responds to Synod of New York in 1855; discusses doctrine of the Immaculate Conception; discusses parochial schools.  
4 pp.
  5. To F [Latin] 15 December 1856  
Allocution of Pius IX on Mexican affairs.  
13 pp.
  6. To F [Latin] 27 April 1859  
Asks for prayers for the church.  
5 pp.
  7. To F [Latin] 30 September 1861

Allocution of Pius IX on the situation in Italy.  
7 pp.

8. From F [French and Latin] 12 July 1863  
Asks permission to sell Mt. Benedict in Charlestown and apply the proceeds towards the building of a new cathedral; also contains response of Pius IX approving the sale.  
2 pp.
9. To F [Latin] 8 December 1864  
Syllabus of errors.  
32 pp. [includes encyclical *Quanta Cura*]
- 3.21 Presentation Convent Tuam, Ireland  
To F 21 April 1847  
Ask help for starving children in Ireland; explain some children are eating only the meal they get at the school run by the sisters; report there is a great deal of sickness in the area.  
3 pp.
- 3.22 Quiblier, Rev. Joseph Vincent, SS Paris  
1. To F [French] 2 February 1847  
Reports Rev. Walsh has received the tonsure; informs F he has been at Lourdes since Christmas; tells F he will do his best for F and the Diocese of Boston; informs F he does his best to combat the prejudices against the Diocese of Boston; asks F not to forget St. Sulpice; inquires after various priests who trained at St. Sulpice; hopes F can use Rev. Walsh in Burlington.  
3 pp.
2. To F [French] 1 March 1847  
Tells F he is leaving for Lyons that night; claims the person who spoke against him will never change; expresses sympathy for Rev. George Goodwin.  
2 pp.
- 3.23 Quinn, John Boston  
To F 13 March 1857  
Receipt for bank book being held by F.  
1 p.
- 3.24 Rome, Citizens of Rome  
To F [Latin] 15 March 1863  
Invitation to come to Rome to honor Pius IX.  
1 p.
- 3.25 Roothaan, Rev. J., SJ Rome  
To F [French] 8 May 1850  
Explains that he did not respond to F's letter sooner because he was away; tells F the news about the College of the Holy Cross made him very happy; informs F that when circumstances permit he will help F all he can.  
1 p.
- 3.26 Ruddock, John Boston  
To F 14 October 1844  
Receipt for bank book of Margaret Ruddock that had been held by Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick.  
1 p.



- 3.27 Sacchi, Rev. Philip, SJ [Boston]  
 To F [Latin] Undated  
 Latin poem.  
 3 pp.
- 3.28 Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide Rome  
 1. To F [Latin] Undated [1849?]  
 Discusses decrees of Seventh Provincial Council of Baltimore.  
 2 pp.
2. To F [Latin] 15 August 1858  
 Concerns establishment of seminaries in the United States.  
 2 pp.
3. To F [Latin] 1 June 1859  
 Concerns establishment of universal American seminary.  
 2 pp.
4. To F [Latin] 21 January 1861  
 Decree about the election of bishops.  
 4 pp.
5. To F [Latin] 24 April 1861  
 Decree about the residences of bishops.  
 7 pp.
- 3.29 Sacred Penitencieri Rome  
 From F [Latin] 18 August 1859  
 Consultation on marriage impediment; contains response from the Sacred Penitencieri dated  
 26 November 1859.  
 4 pp.
- 3.30 St. James Church, Congregation of Boston  
 To F 1860-1864  
 Statement of accounts.  
 1 p.
- 3.31 St. Mary's of the Annunciation, Congregation of Cambridgeport [Massachusetts]  
 To F 1862-1864  
 Statement of accounts.  
 1 p.
- 3.32 St. Mary's Asylum Boston  
 To F 26 June 1848  
 Enclose statement of accounts; resign as Directors of St. Mary's Asylum; claim they did not  
 receive any cooperation from the Bishop and clergy.  
 3 pp.
- 3.33 Searle, George London  
 To F 16 August 1865  
 Asks permission to leave Diocese of Boston if he is ordained and chooses to enter a religious  
 order; informs F he is particularly interested in the Congregation of St. Paul the Apostle;

includes note from Rev. James A. Healy stating F has given his approval because Searle is paying his own expenses.  
2 pp. [including Healy's note]

- 3.34 Sharkey, Cormack Boston  
From F 31 January 1851  
Document noting sale of pew in St. Patrick's Church, Boston [Roxbury]; note in Archbishop John J. Williams' handwriting that pew was sold.  
1 p.
- 3.35 Shaw, Rev. Joseph C. Rome  
To F 15 April 1847  
Requests to be ordained the following summer when he is in Boston; asks F what he should do to prepare for ordination; tells F a reply will not reach him while he is still in Rome; asks F to write to him in London.  
2 pp.
- 3.36 Shea, John Gilmary New York  
To F 7 November 1855  
Asks permission to use Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick's history of the Diocese of Boston for a history of Catholicism in the United States.  
1 p.
- 3.37 Signay, Archbishop Joseph Quebec  
1. To F [Latin] 24 August 1846  
Appoints F his Vicar General.  
1 p.
2. To F [French] 19 June 1847  
Reports he visited Madawaska; discusses the jurisdictions of the dioceses of Boston, New Brunswick, and Quebec.  
2 pp.
- 3.38 Society for the Propagation of the Faith Paris  
1. From F [French] Undated  
Concerns money requested from the Society by F.  
2 pp.
2. To F [French] 24 May 1855  
States the Diocese of Boston has been allotted 15,000 francs for 1854; tells F they feel the Diocese of Boston is an important one in the United States.  
2 pp.
3. To F [French] 10 June 1856  
Encourages F in his effort to improve the Diocese of Boston; hopes F will continue his work.  
2 pp.
4. To F [French] 23 July 1864  
Discusses persecution of Catholics.  
3 pp.

5. To F [French] 28 July 1864  
 Reports many members of the society are out of town and F's proposal has not yet been discussed.  
 1 p.
6. To F [French] 6 August 1864  
 Informs F the Diocese of Boston has been granted an additional 8000 francs for the year 1864; encloses money with the letter; asks F to notify them when money has been received.  
 3 pp.
- 3.39 Southgate, Horatio Boston  
 To F 7 January 1856  
 Tells F feels a convert to Catholicism named Thomas Henry Bridge was not sincere; reports that Bridge has returned to the Protestant Episcopal Church; hopes the difference between the two churches will grow less and less; page 4 contains note in F's hand stating: Southgate and F never met; claims he would not approve Bridge for ordination until his faith had been tested.  
 4 pp.
- 3.40 Spalding, Bishop Martin J. Portland  
 To F 9 February 1854  
 Fragment of letter; hopes everything is well; reverse contains note from unidentifiable correspondent who encloses exeat which he forgot to give to F.  
 2 pp.
- 3.41 Stanton, Rev. Patrick Lawrence [Massachusetts]  
 From F 13 May 1861  
 Informs S the will of Rev. James O'Donnell was proved; reports on O'Donnell's financial affairs.  
 1 p.
- 3.42 Strain, Peter Newburyport, [Massachusetts]  
 To F 2 December 1853  
 Sends accounts of churches according to statements that were in possession of Rev. James Strain.  
 1 p.
- 3.43 Stuart, James New York  
 To F 30 September 1854  
 Tells F the Seamans Bank requires an affadavit from F in order to release any funds; reports money will be disbursed on the condition that it be returned if any other claimant appears.  
 1 p.
- 3.44 Suffolk County. Grand Jury. Foreman. Boston  
 From F [1850]  
 Tells them he owns only one grave in the Catholic cemetery in South Boston; informs them all the graves are owned by individuals; feels the complaint stating that the cemetery is a nuisance is unfounded; claims all burials in the cemetery have taken place according to the laws of the city of Boston; claims Catholics in Boston are having a difficult time purchasing ground to be used as a cemetery; tells them Boston Catholics are willing to abide by the laws of the city.  
 5 pp.
- 3.45 Sullivan, Bernard Virginia  
 To F 18 May 1863

States he has sent F \$600 to hold for him until he returns; asks F to write to him; tells F generals are constantly being changed and men are being slaughtered; hopes the war will be over soon.  
1 p.

- 3.46 Thurston, B.P. Providence  
To F 24 July 1856  
Asks F who he prefers to be executor of Bishop Bernard O'Reilly's will; tells F the will will be read on August 5; note in F's hand stating he suggested Rev. William O'Reilly as executor.  
2 pp.
- 3.47 Tighe, Rev. Denis County Mayo, Ireland  
To F 30 March 1847  
Informs F since the beginning of March the number of deaths from starvation had dramatically increased; tells F the people see death as a way out of their misery; reports the landlords are determined to dispossess the people of their land; asks the Diocese of Boston to contribute to the relief of the famine victims; endorses advertisement and asks F to place it in Boston newspapers.  
4 pp.
- 3.48 Timon, Bishop John Buffalo  
To F 26 December 1854  
Sends copy of *Catholic Gazette*; inquires about the House of Refuge and other institutions of that nature. Pasted on sheet of paper which also contains note from Bishop Mathias Loras of Dubuque, Iowa returning the exeat which F had presented to him.  
1 p.
- 3.49 Tucker, Rev. Hilary Boston
1. From F 5 October 1846  
Approves Tucker's request to enter the Diocese of Boston if his Bishop will also approve.  
1 p.
  2. From F 9 January 1847  
Grants Tucker faculties in the Diocese of Boston.  
2 pp.
  3. To F 1 July 1847  
Tells F marriage impediment should not be dispensed as both parties are part of Diocese of St. Louis.  
1 p.
  4. From F [Latin] 21 December 1848  
States Tucker is a priest in good standing in the Diocese of Boston.  
1 p.
  5. From F 24 April 1850  
Grants Tucker a leave of absence to make a retreat.  
1 p.

- 3.50 Tucker, Joseph  
 To F  
 Requests F to give the enclosed bank order to a widow, reports that when acknowledgement of the money is received more will be sent.  
 2 pp.  
 Dublin  
 15 December 1857
- 3.51 Turpin, Rev. Edward  
 1. To F  
 Charges Rev. Matthew Gibson with seducing a woman; reports Gibson attempted to bribe the woman in order to silence her; accuses Gibson of drunkenness; asks for protection from Gibson's family and friends; tells F he now eats at his mother's; informs F banns of marriage are not being published; feels the people of Fitchburg are good Catholics; claims there is trouble collecting money because of the rumors about Gibson's behavior; tells F the school has closed for lack of funds.  
 4 pp.  
 Fitchburg [Massachusetts]  
 15 January 1856
2. To F  
 Encloses deed for land he has purchased; reports he paid cash for the land and no money is due on it; informs F he has begun collecting money for a church; requests F to visit the area to administer Confirmation to those who desire it.  
 1 p.  
 22 May 1857
- 3.52 Turpin, Rev. Henry  
 To F  
 Asks F to forgive him for incident which occurred the previous week; claims the incident happened because he was unwell; asks F to allow him to officiate at Mass again.  
 2 pp.  
 Taunton, [Massachusetts]  
 11 February 1856
- 3.53 United States Treasury  
 To F  
 Infom F Bishop Benedict J. Fenwick was advanced \$600 but the money was never disbursed; explains the procedure for submitting vouchers.  
 2 pp.  
 [Washington, DC]  
 20 November 1846
- 3.54 Valtemare, Alexander  
 To F [French]  
 Tells F he is sending him books; discusses political situation in France; hopes God will bless F's apostolic work; asks F to pray for the one who delivers the books; includes list of books.  
 4 pp.  
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 12 May 1850
- 3.55 Villeneuve, Rev. L., SS  
 To F [French]  
 Reports Rev. O'Beirne has arrived to begin his studies; plans to go to Boston; discusses Rev. Shahan's desire to study in Paris; discusses financial matters and the accounts of seminarians.  
 3 pp.  
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 26 September 1847
- 3.56 Watson, Elizabeth Gray  
 To F  
 Gives F power of attorney.  
 2 pp.  
 Roxbury  
 10 December 1853

- 3.57 Welch, Edward H. St. Sulpice [Paris]  
 To F 11 April 1847  
 Tells F he is very happy; asks F to call on Welch's father if and when he has the time; requests F to pray for his father's conversion to Catholicism; reports he is trying to improve his German; expresses his pleasure at living under a rule; plans to begin studying Hebrew during the next school year; asks to be remembered in F's prayers.  
 3 pp.
- 3.58 Woodlock, Rev. Bartholomew Dublin  
 To F 18 July 1857  
 Forwards statement of F's account; reports Charles Lynch and John Griffin are doing very well in their studies; asks F if any more students should be adopted for Diocese of Boston; thanks F for kindnesses shown to Rev. Carmody; reports space has been secured to accommodate additional students.  
 3 pp.
- 3.59 Young, Charles T. Brooklyn, New York  
 1. To F 29 July 1845  
 States that F shall receive all money owed to Young by Charles H. Keith; gives F power of attorney.  
 2 pp.
2. To F 9 November 1854  
 Requests F to pay his son \$50.  
 1 p.
3. To F 13 December [1854]  
 Instructs F to disburse money being held for Young to various people.  
 1 p.
4. To F 22 January 1855  
 Requests F to pay Young's wife money F is holding; reverse contains note in F's hand stating balance has been paid.  
 2 pp.
- 3.60 Bills and Receipts 1846-1864  
 This group contains receipts for payments received by F payments made by F and tax bills for church property during F's episcopate. In most cases the receipts are in F's hand. The tax bills are from Boston and surrounding towns and appear to be F's copy of them.  
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