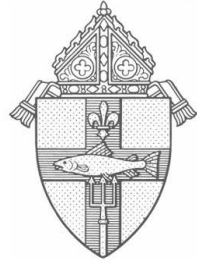


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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Right Reverend Francis Silas Marean Chatard, Fifth Bishop of Vincennes, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on December 13, 1834. He was ordained a priest at Rome on June 14, 1862. Chatard served as vice-rector of the American College, Rome, from 1863-1868, and then as rector from 1868-1878. Chatard was named bishop of Vincennes on March 26, 1878, at which time he took the name Francis Silas. He was consecrated in Rome on May 12, 1878, by Cardinal Alexander Camillus Franchi, assisted by Bishop Santori of Fano, Italy, and Bishop Edward Agnelli, president of the *Accademia Ecclesiastica* at Rome. Bishop Chatard was enthroned in the cathedral at Vincennes on August 11, 1878. He arrived in Indianapolis, where he took up permanent residence, on August 17, 1878.

Bishop Chatard desired for the see of the diocese to be moved to Indianapolis. He began construction of a chapel and rectory intended to be joined to a new cathedral structure. The chapel was dedicated on March 25, 1892. On March 28, 1898, the see of the diocese was officially transferred to Indianapolis by Pope Leo XIII. Bishop Chatard then completed the new SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, which was dedicated on December 21, 1906.

Bishop Chatard died at Indianapolis on September 7, 1918. His body was interred in the crypt of SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. On June 8, 1976, Bishop Chatard's remains were transferred from the cathedral to the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Scope & Content Note

This collection consists of materials regarding Francis Silas Chatard, including those written by him, correspondence addressed to him, and content written about him. These documents provide historical,

pictorial, and other information about the life of Francis Silas Chatard and the history of the Church in Indiana.

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Related Materials: Additional documents list the details of Chatard's correspondence from 1855-1912. These details are found in a card catalog and summarized in a secondary document.

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1	1	Chatard Correspondences	1855 - 1857
1	2	Chatard Correspondences	1858
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1	10	Chatard Correspondences	1866 (Jan – Apr)
1	11	Chatard Correspondences	1866 (May – Aug)
1	12	Chatard Correspondences	1866 (Sept – Dec)
1	13	Chatard Correspondences	1867 (Jan – Apr)
1	14	Chatard Correspondences	1867 (May – Aug)
1	15	Chatard Correspondences	1867 (Sept – Dec)
2	1	Chatard Correspondences	1868 (Jan – Apr)

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2	2	Chatard Correspondences	1868 (May – August)
2	3	Chatard Correspondences	1868 (Sept – Dec)
2	4	Chatard Correspondences	1869 (Jan – Apr)
2	5	Chatard Correspondences	1869 (May – Aug)
2	6	Chatard Correspondences	1869 (Sept – Dec)
2	7	Chatard Correspondences	1870 (Jan – Jun)
2	8	Chatard Correspondences	1870 (Jul – Dec)
2	9	Chatard Correspondences	1871 (Jan – Mar)
2	10	Chatard Correspondences	1871 (Apr – June)
2	11	Chatard Correspondences	1871 (July – Sept)
2	12	Chatard Correspondences	1871 (Oct – Dec)
3	1	Chatard Correspondences	1872 (Jan – Mar)
3	2	Chatard Correspondences	1872 (Apr – Jun)
3	3	Chatard Correspondences	1872 (Jul – Aug)
3	4	Chatard Correspondences	1872 (Sept - Oct)
3	5	Chatard Correspondences	1872 (Nov - Dec)
3	6	Chatard Correspondences	1873 (Jan - Mar)
3	7	Chatard Correspondences	1873 (Apr - Jun)
3	8	Chatard Correspondences	1873 (July - Sept)
3	9	Chatard Correspondences	1873 (Oct - Dec)
4	1	Chatard Correspondences	1874 (Jan - Mar)
4	2	Chatard Correspondences	1874 (Apr - June)
4	3	Chatard Correspondences	1874 (Jul - Sept)
4	4	Chatard Correspondences	1874 (Oct – Nov)
4	5	Chatard Correspondences	1874 (Dec)
4	6	Chatard Correspondences	1875 (Jan - Mar)
4	7	Chatard Correspondences	1875 (Apr - June)
4	8	Chatard Correspondences	1875 (Jul - Sept)
4	9	Chatard Correspondences	1875 (Oct - Dec)
4	10	Chatard Correspondences	1876 - 1877
4	11	Chatard Correspondences	1879
4	12	Chatard Correspondences	1880 - 1883
4	13	Chatard Correspondences	1884 - 1912
4	14	Photocopies of Chatard Correspondences from Archives of the Archdiocese of Boston (Requested August 1981)	1871 - 1879
4	15	Catholic Benevolent Legion Constitutions and Laws Booklets 1 x New York 1 x Kentucky	Kentucky (1880) New York (1881)
5	1	Promissory Notes	1877 - 1902
	2	Cancelled Bank Notes	1903 - 1919
5	3	Bills and Receipts	1875 - 1895
5	4	Transactions and Leases	1888 - 1817
5	5	Deeds to Property	1882 - 1903

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5	5 (cont.)	Abstract of Title List of conveyances List of Properties owned by Chatard	1914 1894 - 1915
5	6	Pastorals Lists of circulars letters (SMW Archives)	1878 - 1914
5	7	Pastorals	1877 - 1901
6		Original Journals and Diaries Diary Entries (Rome)	1857 - 1888
7	1	Seminaries: Vouchers, Bulletins and Correspondences	1890 - 1901
7	2	Seminary Accounts	1900
7	3	St Ann's Orphan Asylum	1888 - 1891
7	4	Orphan Accounts	1900
7	5	Orphans: St Henry's Home	1888 - 1889
7	6	Orphans: St. Joseph's Home	1888 - 1889
7	7	Orphans: St. Vincent's Asylum	1880 - 1890
7	8	Sisters of Providence	1885 - 1898
7	9	Sisters of St. Benedict	1886, 1890
7	10	Sisters of St. Francis	1888 - 1891
7	11	Good Shepard's Sisters	1888
7	12	Little Sisters of the Poor	1880 - 1898
7	13	Monastery of St. Claire	1896 - 1898
7	14	Societies: General Circulars	--
7	15	St. Meinrad's Abbey	1870 - 1894
7	16	Newspaper articles: American Alliance	1880
7	17	Ancient Order of Hibernians	1870 - 1893
7	18	Emerald Beneficial Association	1884
7	19	German Catholic Benevolent Society	1881
7	20	The Farmers Mutual Benefit Association	1888
7	21	Odd Fellows	1897 - 1898
7	22	St. Joseph's Benevolent Society	
7	23	Knights of Pythias	1897 - 1898
7	24	Misc. Orders for Societies	1874 - 1908
7	25	Knights of Labor	1879 - 1888
7	26	Sodality of Christian Mothers	
8		Correspondences with Priests (A - L)	
8	1	Adam Baron	1883 - 1898
8	2	August Bessonies	1902
8	3	J. L. Brassart	1886 - 1887
8	4	B. Brueggemann	1884
8	5	A. Danenhoffer	1885 - 1898
8	6	J. M. D'Arco	1882 - 1895
8	7	William Doyle	1880
8	8	P. J. J. Duddenhausen	1886
8	9	P. R. Fitzpatrick	1882 - 1896

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8	10	John Gabriel	1896
8	11	M. A. Gillig	1879 - 1890
8	12	G. M. Ginnsz	1880 - 1896
8	13	L. Guiguen	1889 - 1898
8	14	M. L. Guthreck Basil Heusler	1904 1888
8	15	J. H. Hillebrand P. Hommes	1897
8	16	F. Hundt	1885 - 1896
8	17	J. B. Kelly W. Kemper	1886 - 1890
8	18	B. Kintrup	1879 - 1880
8	19	A. Koesters	1881 - 1900
8	20	E. Ledvina	1891 - 1896
8	21	J. Loesch	1887
8	22	J. H. Logan	1880 - 1898
8	23	B. Luebbermann	1883 - 1891
9	Correspondences with Priests (M - Z)		
9	1	D. McCabe	1884 - 1895
9	2	J. McCool	1905
9	3	M. McEvoy	1883
9	4	T. McLoughlin J. McMullen	1889 - 1898
9	5	J. Merke J. Mougin	1883 - 1890
9	6	M. Mousset A. Maunschina	1882 - 1896
9	7	D. O' Donaghue	
9	8	D. O'Donovan	1880 - 1898
9	9	J. O'Reilly	1886 - 1899
9	10	B. Piers	1883 - 1895
9	11	M. Quinlan	1882
9	12	J. Resch P.H. Rowan	1878 - 1895
9	13	J. Schoentrap C. J. Schwanz	1887 - 1892
9	14	J. Schuck	1889 - 1898
9	15	A. Schenk	1890 - 1897
9	16	H. Seepe K. Seiler	1886 - 1896
9	17	P. Siebmann	1881 - 1889
9	18	H. Siepen E. J. Spelmon	1890 - 1891
9	19	J. Stanton	1894 - 1900
9	20	J. Stremler	1890

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9	21	A. Stricker	1897 - 1989
9	22	B. Unverzugh A. Urich	1889 – 1900
9	23	F. Viefhaus	1891
9	24	W. Wack	1891 - 1989
9	25	G. Widerin	1882 - 1890
10		Correspondences with Parishes	
10	1	Aurora - Immaculate Conception	1879 – 1895
10	2	Bloomington - St. Charles	1885
10	3	Bradford - St. Michael	1892
10	4	Brookville - St. Michaels	1882
10	5	Brownsburg - St Malachy	1875 - 1881
10	6	Columbus – St. Bartholomew	1885
10	7	Cannelton - St. Patrick	1885 – 1886
10	8	Connersville – St. Gabriel	1891
10	9	Dover – St. John Baptist	1882
10	10	Dubois Co. – St. Celestines Church	1880 - 1897
10	11	Enochsburg – St. John’s Church	1891
10	12	Evansville – Assumption Church	1887 – 1895
10	13	Evansville – Holy trinity Church	1880 - 1896
10	14	Evansville – St. Mary’s Rectory	1893
10	15	Evansville – St. Boniface	1890
10	16	Evansville – Church of Sacred Heart	1891
10	17	Evansville – St. Anthony’s Church	1889
10	18	Ferdinand – St. Ferdinand Church	1887 - 1889
10	19	Franklin Co. - Church of Holy Angels & Church of St. Raphael	1882
10	20	Franklin Co. St. Mary Of the Rock	1887
10	21	French Lick – Our Lady of the Springs	1886 - 1906
10	22	Frenchtown – St. Bernard & St. Joseph	1882 - 1893
10	23	Greencastle – St. Paul	1886 - 1888
10	24	Greensburg – Immaculate Conception & St. Paul	1882
10	25	Hamburg – St. Ann’s Haubstadt – Ss. Peter and Paul	1886 – 1886
10	26	Hayden – St. Joseph’s	1894
10	27	Huntingburg – Church of Visitation	1882 – 1890
10	28	Indianapolis – St. john’s	1881 – 1894
10	29	Indianapolis – St. Joseph’s	1874
10	30	Indianapolis – St. Mary’s	1883
10	31	Indianapolis – St. Philip Neri	1843 - 1850
10	32	Jasper – St. Joseph	1890
10	33	Jeffersonville – St. Anthony	1886 - 1891
10	34	Lawrenceburg – St. Lawrence	1892 - 1894
10	35	Leopold – St. Augustine & St. Mary	1882

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10	36	Liberty – St. Bridget	1878 - 1896
10	37	Linton	1895
10	38	Loogootee – St. John	1888 – 1895
10	39	Madison – St. Mary’s	1882
10	40	Madison – St. Michael	1891 – 1901
10	41	Millhousen – St. Mary	1888 - 1894
10	42	Morris – St. Anthony	1881
10	43	Mount Vernon – St. Matthew’s	1889 - 1891
10	44	Montgomery – St. Peters	1886 - 1889
10	45	Napoleon – St. Maurice	1889 - 1892
10	46	New Albany – Annunciation	1890 - 1891
10	47	New Albany – Holy Trinity	1887 - 1893
10	48	New Alsace – St. Paul	1889
10	49	New Middleton – Most Precious Blood	1888 - 1896
10	50	North Madison – St. Patrick	1883 - 1889
10	51	North Vernon – St. Anne	1889 - 1892
10	52	Oldenburg – Holy Family	1889
10	53	Prescott – St. Vincent	1895
10	54	Richmond – St. Mary	1884
10	55	Rockport – St. Bernard	1891 - 1896
10	56	Rushville – Immaculate Conception	1886
10	57	St. Croix – St. Anthony	1895
10	58	St. Henry – St. Henry	1888
10	59	St. James – St. James	1896
10	60	St. John – St. John	1882 - 1890
10	61	St. Joseph – Dearborn Co.	1896
10	62	St. Joseph – Vanderburgh Co.	1886
10	63	Tell City – St. Mark	1882
10	64	St. Maurice – Decatur Co.	1886 - 1895
10	65	St. Meinrad – St. Meinrad	1895
10	66	St. Nicholas – Ripley Co.	1875
10	67	St. Peters – St. Peter Apostle	1882
10	68	St. Wendel – St. Wendel	1886
10	69	Scottsville – S. Magdalen	1878
10	70	Schnellville – Sacred Heart	1896
10	71	Shoals – St. Louis	1895 - 1897
10	72	Six Mile	1886
10	73	Sullivan – St. Mary’s	1899 - 1900
10	74	Terre Haute – Cemetery Papers	1883 – 1884
10	75	Terre Haute – St. Ann’s	1885 – 1890
10	76	Terre Haute – St. Benedict	1883 – 1890
10	77	Terre Haute – St. Joseph’s	1882 - 1895
10	78	Terre Haute – St. Patrick	1885 - 1893
10	79	Trainor - St. Michael	1890
10	80	Troy – St. Pius	1882 - 1891

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10	81	Vincennes - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral	1885 - 1898
10	82	Vincennes – St. John	1882 - 1892
10	83	Yorkville – S. Martin’s	1888 - 1889
11	1	Diocesan General Papers	1869 – 1897
11	2	Matrimonial – to church	1879 – 1930
11	3	Matrimonial (Clarke to Drosgia)	1878 – 1931
11	4	Matrimonial (Elveto to Hull)	1881 - 1919
11	5	Matrimonial (Kelly to Konabel)	1885 – 1899
11	6	Matrimonial (Morrison – Ryan)	1878 - 1919
11	7	Matrimonial (Shufert – Zaller)	1881 - 1917
11	8	Matrimonial - Dispensations	1879 - 1889
12	1	Sermons	1868 - 1875
12	2	Misc. Notes, Papers, Briefs in Latin & Italian	1862 – 1864, 1896
12	3	Roman Dispensations, Letters, Decrees, Manuscripts	1879 - 1892
12	4	Roman Documents	1878 - 1894
12	5	Financial & Legal Letters	1880 - 1909
12	6	Receipts & Taxes	1900 - 1918
13	1	St Paul – New Alsace (Photos)	1898
13	2	St. Mary’s – Indianapolis (Photos)	1910
13	3	Holy Trinity / St. Mary – New Albany (Photos)	1912
13	4	Holy Cross – Indianapolis (Photos)	1911
14	1	Diary of the Journey to Rome (Gorman’s Typescript & Notes)	April 1894
14	2	Photocopied Letters	1867 – 1888
14	3	Churches, Schools, Orphanages, Convents and Seminaries (Gorman’s Notes – The Institutions of Vincennes)	1932 - 1948
14	4	Photocopied Readings with mentions of Francis Silas Chatard	
14	5	Photographs of Chatard Medal given by Pope Pius IX	
14	6	Development of the Catholic Church in the Vincennes Diocese with Special emphasis on the Episcopate of Francis Silas Chatard – A Dissertation by Sr. Anne Julia Roddy (Chicago)	1954
14	7	- Letter from Chatard’s Nephew to Bishop Shulte - Newspaper clippings of Chatard’s death	1947 1918
14	8	Letter – St. Patrick North Madison	1885
14	9	Extra-diocesan Letters	1883 - 1898

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14	10	Misc. Letter to and from Chatard	1893 - 1903
14	11	Relatio	1909
15		Uncatalogued	
16		Uncatalogued	
17 (Oversize)		Ordination to Priesthood, Appointment as Bishop of Vincennes, Consecration as Bishop	1862, 1878
18 (Oversize)		Apostolic Brie of Pope Leo XIII Changing Name of Diocese from Vincennes to Indianapolis	1898
