

A LIBRARY PROFILE

VEECH LIBRARY, CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF SYDNEY

This library's origins go back to the 1840s when it began as part of the Benedictine Monastery at St. Mary's Cathedral site. After moves to Lyndhurst, Glebe and St. John's College, University of Sydney, the growing collection arrived at the St. Patrick's College site in 1889 to serve the national seminary and later seminary for the Catholic dioceses of N.S.W. In the early 1950s the seminary became an Ecclesiastical Faculty and in the 1970s became a member institution of the Sydney College of Divinity.

The Veech Library is a curriculum oriented collection with some research strengths and a fine reference collection. It is particularly strong in Catholic and continental theology. Its historical collections which include over 4000 pre-1800 imprints, include the early Benedictine collection, Rare Books (other pre-1850 imprints), Irish and Australiana and some smaller special collections. The Veech Library also is home to the Centre for Australian Catholic Documentation which comprehensively collects printed, pictorial and sound materials relating to Australian Catholicism.

Stock: monographs - 61000 (catalogued); periodicals - 240 subscriptions, 520 other backruns and part holdings of journals; other materials - 1300 microfiche, 820 slides, 140 tapes.

Classification: DDC 17th edition, modified DDC 200 tables. Dictionary catalogue cards produced by means of Bibliofile.

Access: Staff and students of C.I.S. and S.C.D. and others whose needs cannot be served by other libraries. Cooperates in ILL. Restricted ILL monograph lending.

Staff and Hours: 1 Librarian, 1 library technician and 1 attendant. Open 9 am to 9 pm, M - F; (9am to 5 pm M - F during semester breaks; closed for four weeks after Christmas.

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