

18. O'Collins, Gerald and Farrugia, Edward g. *A concise dictionary of theology*. Mahwah, New Jersey: Paulist Press, 1991. 268p. 0 8091 3235 4; US\$11.95.

Two eminent Catholic theologians set out to clarify key words and phrases used in theological discourse. They include biblical, catechetical, ethical, historical, liturgical and philosophical terms which theological students will need to understand. The intended reader is Roman Catholic but this work should be acquired by other denominational libraries as it is both sensitive to and instructive on ecumenical issues. In all a valuable, inexpensive resource.

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SOME NINETEENTH CENTURY PAPERS IN
THE SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES:
ENTRIES IN THE GUIDE TO COLLECTIONS OF MANUSCRIPTS
RELATING TO AUSTRALIA

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Earlier this year part 1 of Series E of the National Library's microfiche *Guide to collections of manuscripts relating to Australia* was issued. A consolidated name index of collections and sub groups within collections spans all five series. Included in this latest supplement are five entries for early clergy and other papers in the Sydney Archdiocesan Archives at St Mary's Cathedral. The appearance of further submitted entries awaits the issue of another *Guide* supplement.

All the papers concerned were arranged and described during the first six months in 1987 of the two year New South Wales Bicentennial Archives Program. This program consisted of three unrelated archival projects, of which two were for private archives, entitled: the 'Archives of

St. Mary's Cathedral (sic),¹ the 'Archives of the Labor (sic) Movement' (actually the archives of the New South Wales Branch of the Australian Labor Party, chiefly from 1956)² and the 'Archives of Local Government' (devoted to the preparation of a published general records disposal schedule for local councils in New South Wales).³ Each project received a grant of \$100,000 from the New South Wales Bicentennial Council and management of the whole program was committed to the Archives Authority of New South Wales, a public body whose statutory responsibility is for public archives.⁴

¹While the archives held in the Cathedral crypt include archives of the building and administration of St Mary's Cathedral they are, as they have been designated in various works of Australian Catholic history, the *Sydney Archdiocesan Archives* and contain archives reaching back to before the inception of the Archdiocese. Included for example, are Archdiocesan records for parishes, clergy and religious orders and the official and private papers of past Archbishops. They are, or at least should be, subject to the relevant provisions of the 1983 Code of Canon Law governing diocesan archives. (See especially Canons 486, 487, 489 and 491. *Codex iuris canonici*. Auctoritate Ioannis Pauli PP. II promulgatus. Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1983 pp. 89-90). For an exposition of these canons and their application see Ingman, P. 'The new Code of Canon Law and archives' *Catholic Archives* no. 5, 1985 pp.50-55.

²As anyone with an elementary knowledge of Australian history will know, and as can be readily confirmed by standard works on the subject, the Australian Labor Party and the Labour movement (however defined), the origins of which antedate the former, are not historically coextensive. Therefore, the archives of the Australian Labor Party, or any branch of it, could not comprehend the whole Labour Movement, but only a part of it. The inception of the New South Wales Bicentennial Archives Program occurred during the tenure of the last Labor Government in New South Wales.

³cf. Bourke, John 'The New South Wales Bicentennial Archives Program' *Acheion : the newsletter of the State Archives* 6, Nov. 1989 pp.15-17.

⁴ New South Wales *Archives Act*, 1960, No. 46.
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The five summary *Guide* entries include papers of the two first official Catholic chaplains, who arrived in Sydney in 1820, the Irish priests, Fathers Conolly and Therry, correspondence of Father Therry's business agent, the layman, John O'Sullivan, papers of Father Daniel Power, Therry's short-lived clerical confrere in Sydney of the late 1820's and surviving private and official papers of Roger Bede Vaughan OSB, the second and last English Benedictine Archbishop of Sydney.⁵

All are partial holdings only, fortuitous survivals of much larger original holdings. For example, Father Philip Conolly, who moved from Sydney to Van Diemen's Land in 1821 is represented solely by five quarterly returns of baptisms, marriages and deaths furnished in accordance with Governor Macquarie's instructions of 14 October, 1820. The final return of 10 November, 1822 may be the sole surviving contemporary documentary evidence of Father Conolly's return to the mainland in 1822 for a six months' stay that was later recalled in the reminiscences of Columbus Fitzpatrick.⁶

The largest single holding consists of the 372 items of Therry papers. These are estrays, long ago separated from the Therry group of papers,⁷ which were deposited in the Mitchell Library by the Jesuit Fathers in 1969. A guide was issued by that library.⁸ The Therry papers estrays at

⁵ A full description of the Vaughan papers is contained in Carleton, Frank 'Some archives of Benedictine provenance at St. Mary's, Sydney' *Tjurunga: an Australasian Benedictine review* 37, Sept. 1989 pp.62-77 (III. The Vaughan Papers pp.66-77).

⁶ *Catholic religious and social life in the Macquarie era as it is portrayed in the letters of Columbus Fitzpatrick (1810-1878)*. Ed. by C.J. Duffy. Sydney: Catholic Press Newspapers, 1966 p.21.

⁷ For an examination of the provenance of the Therry papers estrays see Carleton, Frank 'The Therry papers estrays in the Sydney Archdiocesan Archives: some details of provenance' *Church Archivists' Society Newsletter* 74, April, 1989 pp.3-4.

⁸ Mitchell Library, *Sydney Guide to the papers of Rev. John Joseph Therry in the Mitchell Library, Sydney*. Sydney: Library Council of New South Wales, 1980 (rev. 1985) ii, 50 p. (Mitchell Library manuscripts guides; no. 4).

St. Mary's Cathedral are also described in a guide which was issued by the Archives Authority of New South Wales in late 1988.⁹ and is available gratis from St. Mary's Cathedral.

Guide Entries

Conolly, Rev. Philip (1786-1839) *Papers*, 30 Dec. 1820-10 Nov. 1822

1 folder (5 items)

O'SULLIVAN, John (1802-1876) *Correspondence*, 1834-1868

5 folders (105 items)

POWER, Rev. Daniel (ca. 1790-1830) *Papers*, 2 Nov. 1825-29 Dec. 1829

1 folder (15 items)

THERRY, Rev. John Joseph (1790-1864) *Papers*, ca. 1812-1864

2 boxes (372 items)

VAUGHAN, Roger Bede, Archbishop (1834-1883) *Papers*, 1848-1888

35 folders (287 items)

The data above is submitted to encourage theological librarians and church archivists with manuscripts in their custody to advise the National Library's Manuscripts Librarian of their existence.

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⁹ *Guide to the records of Rev. John Joseph Therry and related papers held in the archives of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Including Rev. Philip Conolly, Rev. Daniel Power, John O'Sullivan.* Sydney: Archives Authority of N.S.W. 1988, iv, 36 p. Errata and addenda sheets for this guide totalling 4 leaves, which detail its anonymous editor's errors of omission and commission, were lodged in the legal deposit libraries and in the Australian Catholic Documentation Centre in the Veech Library at St. Patrick's College, Manly during 1989.