Title: Provincial Files 1868-1872: Rev. John Hayden, C.M.
Creator: Rev. John Hayden, C.M.
Dates: 1868-1872
Quantity: 2 inches (1 half size box)
Physical Location: 4th floor stacks 16/A/3

History:
Rev. John Hayden, C.M. served as Provincial of the American Province from May 1st, 1868 to November 2nd, 1872. A summary of his administration is included in The American Vincentians edited by Rev. John Rybolt. “During his term as Provincial the question of the division of the province, which Rev. Marion Maller, C.M. had proposed to the provincial assembly of 1844, was raised again. It was approved by the superior general and his council in 1870 but not implemented. The most important foundation during his tragically brief term was that of St. John the Baptist College in Brooklyn, New York, the present St. John’s University. The demand for personnel at this new establishment caused him to cut back on the work of the parish missions. He also wanted to make St. Mary’s of the Barrens, which since 1866 had been only a parish and working farm, once again a theological seminary. In 1870, however, he abandoned the idea and suggested selling the seminary, using the money to finance the home missions. Unhappily, while making a visitation of St. Vincent’s College in Cape Girardeau, he contracted typhoid and died suddenly on 2 November 1872, at the age of forty-one.”

Scope and Content:
Nine original letters written to a fellow Vincentian comprise the bulk of Fr. Hayden’s Provincial Files. The majority of the letters written by Fr. Hayden from Germantown, PA were sent to a confreere at St. Mary’s of the Barrens, most likely the Superior, Rev. Daniel McCarthy, C.M. The letters mention financial matters, deaths of Vincentian priests in China and France, Fr. Hayden’s schedule, and personnel staffing. A Vincentian scholar, most likely Rev. John Rybolt, C.M., photocopied one letter from the Archives of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, transcribed it, and added these documents to the collection.

Arrangement of Collection:
The Provincial Files 1868-1872: Rev. John Hayden, C.M. includes two file folders. The letters are arranged according to their format (original or photocopies) and then arranged chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access: This collection is open for use.

Language Materials: These materials are in English.

Accession Information: 2001.62

Processing Information: July 2009, Ben Martorell
**Related Collections:** Personnel Files: Box H1, Rev. John Hayden, C.M. Folder

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