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Guide to the Paul van K. Thomson Papers, 1928-1995

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Collection Overview

Creator(s):	Thomson, (van K. Paul), 1916-1999
Title:	Paul van K. Thomson papers
Dates:	1928-1995
Quantity:	5 box(es) (6.0 linear feet)
Abstract:	The collection of Rev. Paul van K Thomson, former V.P of Academic Affairs at Providence College, consists of sermons, course materials, books and articles written by him, as well as news clippings, church bulletins, handwritten manuscripts, and annotated books from his personal library.
Identification:	rppc_msthomson
Language:	The records are in English and Italian.
Repository:	Phillips Memorial Library, Special and Archival Collections 1 Cunningham Square Providence, RI 02918-0001

Biographical Information

Rev. Paul van K. Thomson was born in Weehawken, New Jersey on December 14, 1916 to Walter Scott Thomson and Mary van Kuykendall Thomson. He attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Weehawken, graduating in 1933, and then attended Columbia University, New York, where he graduated with an A.B. in English cum laude. Between 1937 and 1940 Thomson attended Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut where he received his Bachelors in Sacred Theology.

In 1940 Thomson became an Episcopal clergyman and began his work as the Vicar at St. Martins Episcopal Church in Maywood, New Jersey. Soon after, in 1941, Thomson left St. Martins to work as a Curate at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark.

Before joining the U.S. Navy as a Chaplin to the Pacific Fleet Marine Force in 1943, Thomson received his Masters in Sacred Theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York, New York. His service during World War II earned him two Combat Stars and a Presidential Unit Citation. Upon his return to the United States in 1946, Thomson was offered a position, which he accepted, as the Rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1949 Thomson started as an Instructor of English at Providence College, in Rhode Island. That same year he and his family left the Episcopal Church (and the ministry) converting to Catholicism. During the 1950's Thomson continued his education, attending Brown University, and received both his M.A. and Ph.D. in English. This allowed him to become a full-time professor at Providence College in 1959. During the 1960's and 70's when Thomson was not teaching he spent his time writing religious articles and books, publishing at least six of his works.

In 1981 Paul van K. Thomson wrote to the Vatican requesting the eligibility to seek ordination as a Roman Catholic Priest. Two years later on August 27, 1983 Paul van K. Thomson was ordained at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence Rhode Island. His ordainment made him the 6th married Roman Catholic Priest in the U.S. and the 1st in the Diocese of Providence.

Thomson retired from teaching full time at Providence College in 1985. Despite this, he continued teaching English part time, as well as preaching at St. Mary's Parish of Newport, St. Thomas More Church, and St. Veronica's Chapel of Narragansett. On December 22, 1999, Rev. Paul van K. Thomson passed away the age of 83. He was buried on the 27th of December at St. Columba Cemetery, Middletown, Rhode Island.

Biographical Timeline

1916 Dec 14	Born in Weehawken, New Jersey

1928	Gives first speech at a meeting of the Second Ward Democrats in Weehawken Democratic headquarters at the age of 12.
1933	Graduates Woodrow Wilson High School with high honors
1933-1937	Attends Columbia University, New York, New York: A.B. in English cum laude
1937	Receives the Boar's Head Poetry Award, Columbia University
1937-1940	Attends Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut: S.T.B. magna cum laude
1940	Ordained as deacon of Protestant Episcopal Church at St. John's Episcopal Church, Union City, N.J., by Benjamin M. Washburn, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Newark.
1940-1941	Appointed Vicar, St. Martins Episcopal Church, Maywood, NJ
1941-1943	Appointed Curate, Grace Episcopal Church, Newark, NJ.
1943	Graduates General Theological Seminary, New York, New York: S.T.M Thesis: The concept of the human person according to Thomas Aquinas
1943-1946	Serves as Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Pacific Fleet Marine Force, 5th Regiment, 1st Marine Division. Receives 2 Combat Stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.
1945	Marries Mildred Marie Cole of Irvington, N.J.
1945-1946	Appointed Associate Rector, Grace Episcopal Church
1946	Birth of the first of the Thomson's seven children
1946-1949	Appointed Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Providence, RI.
1947	Publishes "The Sacraments – Power for Daily Living" in The Living Church: A Weekly Record of the News, the Work, and the Thought of the Episcopal Church.
1948	American Representative to International Clerical Conference on Christian Unity, Farnham, England
1949	Enrolls part-time in Providence College, Providence, RI.
1949	Paul van K. Thomson and family baptized as Roman Catholics at St. Pius V Church, Providence, RI.
1949-1952	Hired as instructor in English at Providence College, RI.
1950-1952	Attends Brown University, Providence, RI: 1952 M.A. in English: Thesis Byron's use of religious materials.
1952	Publishes "Paul van K. Thomson, Ex-Navy Chaplain" in They Heard His Voice: Stories of Noted Converts of Our Day.
1952-1955	Teaches as Assistant Professor of English, Providence College, RI
1952-1956	Attends Brown University, Providence, RI: 1956 Ph.D. in English: Dissertation A Study of Certain Notebooks and Manuscripts of Francis Thompson in Relation to His Poetic Theory and Critical Procedure.
1955	Named a University Fellow, Brown University, RI.
1955-1959	Teaches as Associate Professor of English, Providence College, RI.
1957	Included in the Directory of American Scholars, 3rd Edition

1958	Initiates the Liberal Arts Honors Program at Providence College, RI.
1958-1965	Appointed Director of the Liberal Arts Honors Program at Providence College, RI.
1959	Publishes *Why I am a Catholic*
1959	Receives an honorary M.A. degree from Providence College, RI
1959-1985	Promoted to Professor of English at Providence College, RI
1960	Publishes *Francis Thompson: A Critical Biography*
1961-1964	Serves as a Public Member on the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Boards.
1962	Publishes "The Tragedy of the Spanish Inquisition" in The Bridge: A Yearbook of Judeo Christian Studies. Vol. 4
1963	Recieves Outstanding Faculty Service Award from Providence College Alumni Association
1965	Publishes "Reflections on the Future of Religion and Poetry" in Delta Epsilon Sigma [National Catholic Honor Society] Bulletin
1965	Recieves Outstanding Catholic Layman of Rhode Island Award from Knights of Columbus
1965-1982	Is named to post of Vice President for Academic Affairs, becoming Providence College's 1st lay vice president: continues to teach part time
1966	Receives honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island
1966	Publishes "Should Catholic Colleges Be Abolished" in Columbia College Today
1967	Publishes "Francis Thompson and the Surrogate Theory of Poetry" in The Hound of Heaven: A Commemorative Volume
1968	Publishes "Literature and Personal Values" and "Excellence on the Catholic Campus" in The Divine Synthesis: Some Lectures of the Conference on Christian Humanism, 1961-1964
1968-1969	Vice President of the New England Catholic College Association
1969-1970	President of the New England Catholic College Association
1981	Sends documents to the Vatican requesting eligibility to seek ordination as a Roman Catholic Priest
1983	Receives Graduate Alumni Citation awarded by Brown University
1983 Aug 27	Ordained as a Roman Catholic priest by Louis E. Gelineau, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, at Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, becoming the 6th married Roman Catholic priest in the United States and the 1st in the Diocese of Providence, RI.
1984	Retires from full time status at Providence College
1985	Named Professor Emeritus at Providence College
1985-1988	Appointed Part time Assistant Pastor, St. Mary's Parish, Newport, Rhode Island
1986	Receives Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Providence College

1986	The Thomson Award is established by the Providence College English Department for the senior(s) with the highest grades in their concentration
1988	As "Senior Priest" in the Diocese of Providence; Thomason retires from the ministry
1988-1989	Rev. and Mrs. Thomson live with the monastic community of the Benedictine Monastic Center, Petersham, Massachusetts
1989-1995	Assists at St. Thomas More Church and St. Veronica's Chapel, Narragansett, Rhode Island
1990	Publishes *Plus Sign on the Roof*
1999 Dec 22	Passes away at the age of 83
1999 Dec 27	Buried at St. Columba Cemetery, Middletown, Rhode Island

Scope and Content Note

The correspondence, clippings, sermons, books, manuscripts and course materials that comprise this collection concern the life of Rev. Paul van K. Thomson. Most of the documents relate to Thomson's religious life, ranging from church bulletins when he was working as an Episcopalian Minister in New Jersey to books he wrote about his conversion to Catholocism.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in seven series

Series List

Correspondence

Course Work

Literary Writings

News Clippings

Personal Papers

Sermons & Speeches

Subject Files

Index Terms

Researchers wishing to find related materials should search the catalog under these index terms.

Names

Fogarty, John Edward, 1913-1967

Gelineau, Louis E.

Grace Church (Newark, N.J.)

Podles, Leon J., 1946-

St. Stephen's Church (Providence, R.I.)

Thompson, Francis, 1859-1907

Thomson, Paul van K. (Paul van Kuykendall, 1916-

Subjects

Anglican Communion -- United States -- Clergy

Catholic Church -- United States

Catholic converts

Episcopal Church

Providence College

Administrative Information

Custodial History

The collection was acquired and maintained by Paul van K. Thomson prior to its donation to Providence College.

Preferred Citation

Paul van K. Thomson, Providence College Library, Special and Archival Collections

Acquistions Information

The collection was donated to Providence College by Thomson and his wife, Mildred M. Cole Thomson, in 1998.

Processing Information

The collection was originally processed in 1998 and re-processed in 2009.

Restrictions

Open for research.

Terms governing use and reproduction: Photocopying and scanning of materials is a fee based service available in the repository and is allowed at the discretion of the Librarian of Special and Archival Collections when in compliance with the College's policy on copyright and publication.

Related Material

There are no known related materials.

The collection contained approximately 490 books at the time of donation, which were reviewed and inventoried. Those publications not containing marginalia, presentation notes, or containing subject matter directly related to Thomson's writings were placed in the general circulation department of the library. The remaining publications are available for review upon request.

Inventory

Series: Correspondence
Dates: 1936-1997
Extent: (74 folders)
Material types:

> correspondence

Scope and Content Note

This series contains correspondence that centers mostly on religious topics. Several of the letters included here concern Thomson's ordination as a Roman Catholic Priest. Additional correspondence relate to Thomson's teaching obligations at Providence College.

The originals of the photocopied letters can be found in Thomson's scrapbook.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

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Box 1 Folder 8	Margaret, Leila	1945 Oct 8
Box 1 Folder 9	Loveless, H.P.	1948 Nov 16
Box 1 Folder 10	McVinney, Russell J., Bishop	1949 Aug 12
Box 1 Folder 11	Schafer, Bruno, Father	1950 Nov 2
Box 1 Folder 12	Slavin, Robert J.	1954 May 1
Box 1 Folder 13	Fogarty, John E.	1961 May 26
Box 1 Folder 14	O'Reed, Wayne	1961 Jun 15
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Box 1 Folder 30	Minoggio, Ferrando, Reverend	1966 Aug 2
Box 1 Folder 31	Fogarty, Louise	1967 Jan 16
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Box 1 Folder 42	Gelineau, Louis E., Reverend	1984 Apr 13
Box 1 Folder 43	Varsanyi, William I., Reverend	1984 Jul 9
Box 1 Folder 44	Gelineau, Louis E., Reverend	1984 Oct 19
Box 1 Folder 45	Gelineau, Louis E., Reverend	1984 Dec 31
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Box 1 Folder 71	McCloskey, John V.	1993
Box 1 Folder 72	Grossi, Joseph	1993
Box 1 Folder 73	Mitchell, Margaret	1994 Jun 6
Box 1 Folder 74	Podles, Leon J.	1997 Apr 19

Series: Course Work
Dates: 1966 -1995
Extent: (18 folders)
Material types:

> color slides
> examinations (documents)
> lecture notes
> lectures
> syllabi

Scope and Content Note

As a professor at Providence College, Thomson helped to create and establish the Western Civilization Program required of all undergraduate students. Included in this series are notes, lectures, syllabi, and slides from his years of teaching this program. Lectures, syllibi and materials relating to other classes Thomson taught at Providence College and St. Mary's Church can also be found within this series.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 Folder 75	English 418: Principles of Literature Criticism	1966
Box 1 Folder 76	Lectures: Italian and English Renniasance	1980
Box 1 Folder 77	Religous Studies 331: Syllabus and Slides	1980 Jul
Box 1 Folder 78	Sacraments and Woship course	1983 Jan - 1983 May
Box 1 Folder 79	Summer Course Bulletin from Providence College	1984
Box 1 Folder 80	Kitchen Theology Discussions	1985
Box 1 Folder 81	Lectures: Advent	1985
Box 1 Folder 82	Lectures: Gospel of Mark	1985
Box 1 Folder 83	Development of Western Civilization I-II: Slides	1990 Sep - 1991 May
Box 1 Folder 84	Development of Western Civilization I: Lectures	1990 Sep - 1990 Dec
Box 1 Folder 85	Development of Western Civilization: Lectures	1990
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Box 1 Folder 91	Development of Western Civilization IV: Syllabus and Lectures	1994 Jan - 1994 Jun
Box 1 Folder 92	Study Group Notes	1995 Jan 11 - 1995 Feb
Box 1 Folder 93	History of Higher Education	Undated

Series: Literary Writings
Dates: 1935-1990
Extent: (33 folders)
Material types:

    articles
    books
    dissertations
    doctoral dissertations
    encyclopedias
    journals (periodicals)
    manuscripts (document genre)
    research notes

Scope and Content Note

This series contains the writings of Paul van K. Thomson. He wrote about relingous allusions and concepts found in literature, his conversion to Catholocism, and some of the difficulties of being Catholic in modern times. Along with published items are draft manuscripts, research materials and academic dissertations.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically. The materials relating to Francis Thompson are grouped together by topic.

Box 1 Folder 94	The Columbia Review, Vol. XVI, No. 5, *Resolving the American crisis* - Thomson, Paul K.	1935 May
Box 1 Folder 95	The Columbia Review, Vol. XVIII, No. 2, *Redeem the time* - Thomson, Paul v.K.	1937 Mar
Box 1 Folder 96	The Columbia Review, Vol. XVIII, No. 4, *Two travellers & A vacation* - Thomson, Paul K.	1937 May
Box 1 Folder 97	Jester, Vol. XXXVIII, No. 10, *Valedictory* - Thomson, Paul v.K.	1937
Box 1 Folder 98	The New American Church Monthly, Vol. XLIII, No. 3, *A college man speaks out* - Thomson, Paul v.K.	1938 Mar
Box 1 Folder 99	Thomson, Paul v.K. (1940). Some significant aspects of the moral theology of St. Thomas Aquinas, the angelic doctor (Bachelor Thesis, Berkeley Divinity School, 1940)	1940
Box 1 Folder 100	The Bulletin of the General Theological Seminary, Vol. XXXII, No. 1, *A Chaplain's report* - Thomson, Paul Van K.	1946 Feb
Box 1 Folder 101	The Holy Cross Magazine, Vol. LVII, No. 3, *Report to the church* - Thomson, Paul VanK.	1946 Mar
Box 1 Folder 102	The Living Church, Vol. CXV, No. 21, *The sacraments, power for daily living* - Thomson, Paul Van K.	1947 Nov 23
Box 1 Folder 103	Thomson, Paul van Kuykendall (1952). Byron's use of relingous materials (Master's Thesis, Brown University, 1952)	1952 May
Box 1 Folder 104	The Catholic World, Vol. CLXXVI, No. 1,053, *Hope, history and hysteria* - Thomson, Paul van K.	1952 Dec
Box 1 Folder 105	Thomson, Paul van K. (1952). Ex-Navy Chaplain. In Schafer, Bruno (Compiler), *They heard his voice.* (pp. 237 - 255). New York: McMullen Books, Inc.	1952 Dec
Box 1 Folder 106	Thomson, Paul van K. (1959). *Why I am catholic.* New York: Thomas Nelson and Sons.	1959

Box 1 Folder 107	Why I am Catholic: Draft Manuscript	Undated
Box 1 Folder 108	Why I am Catholic: Research Materials	Undated
Box 1 Folder 108	Thomson, Paul van K. (1961). *Francis Thompson.* New York: Thomas Nelson and Sons.	1961
Box 2 Folder 110	Francis Thompson: Draft Manuscript	1961 Jan 5
Box 2 Folder 111	Francis Thompson: Research Materials	Undated
Box 2 Folder 112	Thomson, Paul van Kuykendall (1956). A study of certain notebooks and manuscripts of Francis Thompson (Doctoral Thesis, Brown University, 1956)	1956
Box 2 Folder 113	Thomson, Paul van Kuykendall (1981). Francis Thompson. In *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism.* (Vol 4, pp. 440 - 441). Detroit: Gale Research Company.	1981
Box 2 Folder 114	Thomson, Paul van K. (1962). The tragedy of the Spanish Inquisition. In Oesterreicher, John M. (Ed.), *The Bridge Vol IV.* (pp. 171 - 196). New York: Pantheon Books.	1962 Dec
Box 2 Folder 115	Thomson, Paul van K. (1962). The tragedy of the Spanish Inquisition. In Oesterreicher, John M. (Ed.), *The Bridge Vol IV.* (pp. 171 - 196). New York: Pantheon Books.	1962 Dec
Box 2 Folder 116	Columbia College Today, Fall, *Should Catholic colleges be abolished?* - Thomson, Paul van K.	1966
Box 2 Folder 117	Thomson, Dr. Paul van K. (1968). Literature and personal values & excellence on the Catholic campus. In *The Divine Synthesis.* (pp. 153 - 173). Asheville: Mount Mary.	1968
Box 2 Folder 118	New Oxford Review, Vol. LIV, Apr, *Mariology* - Thomson, Paul van K.	1987
Box 2 Folder 119	Mariology: Draft	Undated
Box 2 Folder 120	New Oxford Review, Vol. LV, Nov, *On Ecumenism & the amazing unity of Catholics* - Thomson, Paul van K.	1988
Box 2 Folder 121	Thomson, Paul van K. (1990). *Plus sign on the roof.* Petersham: St. Bede's Publications.	1990
Box 2 Folder 122	Plus Sign on the Roof: Research Materials	Undated
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Series: News Clippings
Dates: 1929-1991
Extent: (93 folders)
Material types:

clippings (information artifacts)

Scope and Content Note

This series contains news clippings written about Thomson. Many of the news clippings found here were copied from the Providence College Archives and are announcements of Thomson's speaking engagements. Clippings that were originally part of the Thomson collection are from his younger years as a student at Columbia University and as a Navy Chaplin in the Pacific.

The photocopies of news clippings from the Providence College archives were added to the collection when it was originally processed in 1998.

Arrangement

The series is arranged chronologically.

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Box 2 Folder 133	Catholic Culture Lecture	1941 Mar 1 - 1941 Mar 5
Box 2 Folder 134	Providence College Faculty Member is Lenten Speaker	1952 Mar 15
Box 2 Folder 135	Catholic Convert to Speak Monday at Mercyhurst	1952 Mar 23
Box 2 Folder 136	P.C. Professor Talks on Books	1952 Dec 6
Box 2 Folder 137	Catholic Women's Club Speaker	1953 Jan 20
Box 2 Folder 138	RI Knights of Columbus Annual Dinner	1953 Oct 13
Box 2 Folder 139	Modern Woman Topic of Forum Debate	1954 Feb 1
Box 2 Folder 140	Women's Mission Outlined By Former Episcopal Minister	1954 Feb 14
Box 2 Folder 141	C.C. Club to Hold It's Annual Dinner Election March 23	1955 Mar 10
Box 2 Folder 142	Campus Profiles	1955 Mar 16
Box 2 Folder 143	Philadelphia, Moscow and Rome Theme of Thomson Lecture at Carolan Club Breakfast	1955 Mar 30
Box 2 Folder 144	Communion Breakfast Set	1955 Apr 25
Box 2 Folder 145	St. Agnes Library	1955 Apr 28
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Box 2 Folder 148	Future of the College	1956 Feb 8 - 1956 Feb 15
Box 2 Folder 149	P.C. Educator to Address Salve Regina Alumnae	1956 Mar 9
Box 2 Folder 150	Thomson Keynote at Ohio Conclave	1956 Aug 30
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Box 2 Folder 153	Dr. Thomson Listed for WJAR-TV Show	1958 May 28 - 1958 Jun 26
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Box 2 Folder 155	Children's ingenuity results in Nativity presentation	1958
Box 2 Folder 156	Former D.A., Professor Named Seminar Speakers	1959 Mar 5
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Box 2 Folder 166	Regis College Graduates 146	1962 Jun 12
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Box 2 Folder 168	Pilgrim High School Dedication Speaker	1962 Dec 29 - 1962 Dec 31
Box 2 Folder 169	Baumann's 'Passion' Is Given US Premiere in Cathedral	1963 Apr 11
Box 2 Folder 170	Serra District 40 Convention	1963 Sep 5 - 1963 Sep 19
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Box 2 Folder 173	Trinity Seats Officials, Makes Grant	1964 May 12
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Box 2 Folder 175	St. Stephen's Rector to Resign March 15	1965 Feb 29
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Box 3 Folder 205	Thomson Speaks at St. Xavier's Graduation	1970 Jun 10
Box 3 Folder 206	PC to Be 40% Coed by '74 with 3,200 Student Body	1970 Jun 19
Box 3 Folder 207	Challenge is 'Right Now,' St. Joseph Faculty Told	1970 Sep 9
Box 3 Folder 208	Thomson Speaks St Mary College Graduation	1971 May 20 - 1971 Jun 2
Box 3 Folder 209	Thomson Speaks at RI Honor Society Induction	1971 May 22
Box 3 Folder 210	PC Official to Speak at Bryant Banquet	1972 Mar 21
Box 3 Folder 211	Thomson Speaks at St. Patrick's HS Graduation	1973 May 17 - 1973 Jun 8
Box 3 Folder 212	Trinity Offers Free Speeches About the Dangers of Power	1975 Oct 4

Box 3 Folder 213	Thomson Speaks at St. Mary's HS Graduation	1979 May 30 - 1979 May 31
Box 3 Folder 214	Retirement	1981 Sep 16
Box 3 Folder 215	Fr. Thomson interview on Real-to-Reel	1983 Sep 29
Box 3 Folder 216	Father Thomson to celebrate Mass at St. Rose of Lima	1983 Sep 27
Box 3 Folder 217	Fr. Thomson addresses St. Paul's Woman's Club	1984 May 17
Box 3 Folder 218	Parish Will Honor Couple and Celebrate Feast	1991 Jun 13
Box 3 Folder 219	Bishop Cheverus General Assembly	Undated
Box 3 Folder 220	Bishop Urges Bigger Teacher Role	Undated
Box 3 Folder 221	Providence College Professor Speaks at K. of C. Annual Dinner	Undated

Series: Personal Papers
Dates: 1922 -1994
Extent: (69 folders)
Material types:

        Asian paper money
        awards
        calendars
        church records
        correspondence
        diplomas
        essays
        letters (correspondence)
        liturgical texts
        military records
        newspapers
        photographs
        report cards
        school yearbooks
        transcripts
        videocassettes

Scope and Content Note

This series contains the personal papers of Paul van K. Thomson. Included is biographical information on Thomson's school years, military service, his time as an Episcopal Minister, and later years as a Catholic Priest. Additional items found in this series are awards and honorary degrees, family documents, and daily calendars.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 3 Folder 222	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Delta Epsilon Sigma	1957 Oct 24
Box 3 Folder 223	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Providence College	1959
Box 3 Folder 224	Awards & Honorary Degrees - PC Alumni Assoc. Faculty Award	1963
Box 3 Folder 225	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Phi Sigma Tau	1964 Nov 30
Box 3 Folder 226	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Clippings	1965
Box 3 Folder 227	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Salve Regina Honorary Docotor of Humanities	1966
Box 3 Folder 228	Awards & Honorary Degrees - ROTC Award	1972
Box 3 Folder 229	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Clippings	1983
Box 3 Folder 230	Awards & Honorary Degrees - PC Honorary Doctor of Humanities	1986
Box 3 Folder 231	Awards & Honorary Degrees - Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society	Undated
Box 3 Folder 232	Daily Calanders	1992 - 1993
Box 3 Folder 233	Daily Calanders	1994
Box 3 Folder 234	Hamilton School	1922 - 1928
Box 3 Folder 235	Theodore Roosevelt School	1928 - 1929
Box 3 Folder 236	Woodrow Wilson High School	1929 - 1933
Box 3 Folder 237	Columbia University - Clippings	1933 - 1937
Box 3 Folder 238	Columbia University - Correspondence	1933 - 1937
Box 3 Folder 239	Columbia University - Diploma	1937

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Box 3 Folder 240	Columbia University - Programs	1933 - 1937
Box 3 Folder 241	Columbia University - Transcripts & Report Cards	1933 - 1937
Box 3 Folder 242	Columbia University - Yearbook	1937
Box 3 Folder 243	Berkeley Divinity School - Clippings	1937 - 1940
Box 3 Folder 244	Berkeley Divinity School - Correspondence	1937 - 1940
Box 3 Folder 245	Berkeley Divinity School - Essay	1939
Box 3 Folder 246	Berkeley Divinity School - Programs	1937 - 1940
Box 3 Folder 247	General Theological Seminary - Transcripts & Report Cards	1940 - 1943
Box 3 Folder 248	Brown University - MA Diploma	1952
Box 3 Folder 249	Brown University - Correspondence	1952 - 1956
Box 3 Folder 250	Brown University - PHD Diploma	1956
Box 3 Folder 251	Brown University - Transcripts & Report Cards	1952 -1956
Box 3 Folder 252	Family Papers	Undated
Box 3 Folder 253	Health Papers	Undated
Box 3 Folder 254	Military Sevice - Chaplain's Report	1946 Feb
Box 3 Folder 255	Military Service - Clippings	1943 - 1946
Box 3 Folder 256	Military Service - Correspondence & Movement Papers	1943 - 1946
Box 3 Folder 257	Military Service - Enlistment & Discharge Papers	1936 - 1937
Box 3 Folder 258	Military Service - Enlistment & Discharge Papers - US Navy	1943 - 1946
Box 3 Folder 259	Military Service - Enlistment & Discharge Papers - RI National Guard	1947 - 1949
Box 3 Folder 260	Military Service - Grace Church	1945 Oct
	See side of box 3	
Box 3 Folder 261	Military Service - The Living Church	1945 Jan 7
Box 3 Folder 262	Military Service - Memorabilia	1943 - 1946
Box 3 Folder 263	Military Service - Photographs	1943 - 1946
Box 3 Folder 264	Military Service - Photographs	1943 - 1946
	See oversized files box 2	
Box 3 Folder 265	Episcopal Church - Membership Papers	1917 - 1949
Box 3 Folder 266	Episcopal Church - Ordination as a Deacon	1940 May 19
Box 3 Folder 267	Episcopal Church - Ordination as a Priest	1941 Feb 1
Box 3 Folder 268	Episcopal Church - St. Martin's Church	1940 - 1941
Box 3 Folder 269	Episcopal Church - Grace Church	1941 - 1946
Box 3 Folder 270	Episcopal Church - St. Stephen's Church	1946 - 1949
Box 3 Folder 271	Episcopal Church - Farnaham Castle & Lambeth Conference	1948
Box 3 Folder 272	Episcopal Church - St. Stephen's Church - A History	Undated
Box 3 Folder 273	Roman Catholic Church - Conversion	1949
Box 3 Folder 274	Roman Catholic Church - Manuals for Administration of Sacraments	1979
Box 3 Folder 275	Roman Catholic Church - Ordination as a Priest - Correspondence	1980 -
Box 3 Folder 276	Roman Catholic Church - Cemeteries	1982 - 1984
Box 3 Folder 277	Roman Catholic Church - Handbook for the Permanent Diaconate	1983 Jun 30
Box 3 Folder 278	Roman Catholic Church - Ordination as a Deacon	1983 Aug 24
Box 3 Folder 279	Roman Catholic Church - Council of Priests	1983
Box 3 Folder 280	Roman Catholic Church - Ordination as a Priest - Clippings	1983 -

Box 3 Folder 281	Roman Catholic Church - Ordination as a Priest - Photographs	1983
Box 3 Folder 282	Roman Catholic Church - Ordination as a Priest - Video	1983
Box 3 Folder 283	Roman Catholic Church - Manuals for Faculties for Priests & Deacons	1984
Box 3 Folder 284	Roman Catholic Church - Marriage Tribunal	1985
Box 3 Folder 285	Roman Catholic Church - St. Mary's Church	1985 - 1988
Box 3 Folder 286	Roman Catholic Church - Manuals for Sacraments of Extreme Unction	1991
Box 3 Folder 287	Roman Catholic Church - Bio Medical Ethics Commission	1992
Box 3 Folder 288	Roman Catholic Church - Education & Compliance Office	1994
Box 3 Folder 289	Roman Catholic Church - Catholic School Office	Undated
Box 3 Folder 290	Roman Catholic Church - Clergy Mutual Bedefit Program	Undated
Box 3 Folder 291	Roman Catholic Church - Manuals for the Sacrament of Matrimony	Undated

Series: Sermons & Speeches
Dates: 1928 - 1994
Extent: (24 folders)
Material types:

> notes
> sermons
> speeches

Scope and Content Note

This series is comprised of sermons that Thomson wrote and gave as an Episcopalian Minister and as a Roman Catholic Priest after his ordination in 1983. Also included in this series are copies of speeches Thomson delivered during his career.

The originals of photocopied speeches can be found in Thomson's scrapbook.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically. Undated items are arranged alphabetically at the end.

Box 4 Folder 292	Second Ward Democrats Meeting	1928 Oct
Box 4 Folder 293	High School Commencement: 'Humanity Uprooted'	1933 Jun 27
Box 4 Folder 294	Debate: Columbia University vs. Stanford University	1935 Apr 6
Box 4 Folder 295	Anglo - Catholic Congress: 'The Sacraments - Power for Daily Living'	1947 Oct 8 - 1947 Oct 9
Box 4 Folder 296	Report Lecture of the International Priests' Convention	1949
Box 4 Folder 297	US Senate Committee on Labor & Public Welfare	1965 Feb 2
Box 4 Folder 298	Fifth Inter-university Faculty Work Conference: 'Literature - It's Meaning to Man'	1968 Jun 18 - 1968 Jun 23
Box 4 Folder 299	Four Holy Hours for Priests: 'The Voice of Peter and our Priesthood'	1985
Box 4 Folder 300	Holy Hour	1985 Nov 22
Box 4 Folder 301	St. Timothy's Church: 'Our Life in the Catholic Church'	1985 Oct 13
Box 4 Folder 302	Holy Hour	1986 Apr
Box 4 Folder 303	Communion Breakfast	1988
Box 4 Folder 304	Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Charles Eggert: 'We are Ambassadors of Christ'	1988 Jun 5
Box 4 Folder 305	Eulogy at the Funeral Mass for Rene Fortin	1991 Mar 1
Box 4 Folder 306	Diocese of Providence Priests Retreat	1994 May 14 - 1995 Sep 21
Box 4 Folder 307	Reading for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day	1994 Jun
Box 4 Folder 308	T.S. Eliot	Undated
Box 4 Folder 309	Festal Index of Homilies	Undated
Box 4 Folder 310	Gospel of John	Undated
Box 4 Folder 311	Gospel of Luke	Undated
Box 4 Folder 312	Gospel of Mark	Undated
Box 4 Folder 313	Gospel of Matthew	Undated
Box 4 Folder 314	Holy Hour	Mar 26
Box 4 Folder 315	'Puritan Sermon on Thanksgiving'	Undated
Box 4 Folder 316	Teachers Meeting at Our Lady of Mercy School	Sep 22

Series: Subject Files
Dates: 1935 - 1995
Extent: (60 folders)
Material types:

> audiotapes
> church bulletins
> clippings (information artifacts)
> deeds
> editorials
> inscriptions
> newspapers
> ordinations
> photographs
> programs
> reviews (document genre)
> scrapbooks
> speeches

Scope and Content Note

This series contains materials relating to different interests of Thomson, much of which is comprised of editorials and reviews written by him. Additional items included in the series are photocopies of book inscriptions, church bulletins, a personal notebook, and speeches given by other people. Along with these items are several newspapers from the Vatican, and a few from his service in the Navy.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Box 4 Folder 317	Around the Table	1994
Box 4 Folder 318	Cemetery Files	1982
Box 4 Folder 319	Church Bulletins	1945 - 1994
Box 4 Folder 320	Clippings	Undated
Box 4 Folder 321	Biographical Information on John J. Hughes	Undated
Box 4 Folder 322	Book Inscriptions - Poems 1909 - 1925 by T.S. Eliot	1935
Box 4 Folder 323	Book Inscriptions - Lenin	1936
Box 4 Folder 324	Book Inscriptons - Christianity and Philosophy	1941 Apr 10
Box 4 Folder 325	Book Inscrioptions - Reason and Revelation in the Middle Ages	1941 Apr 10
Box 4 Folder 326	Book Inscriptions - Poems of Francis Thompson	1941 Sep 16
Box 4 Folder 327	Book Inscriptions - A Selection of Poetry of John C. Harrington	1985 May
Box 4 Folder 328	Book Inscriptions - The Complete Picture Guide to Newport, RI	1987 Aug 7
Box 4 Folder 329	Book Inscriptions - Flatland	1991 May
Box 4 Folder 330	Book Inscriptions - An Alembic of Philosphy	1996 Jul 20
Box 4 Folder 331	Editorials & Reviews - Columbia Spectator	1936
Box 4 Folder 332	Editorials & Reviews - Lion about Literature	1937
Box 4 Folder 333	Editorials & reviews - The Living Church Family	1944 Sep 24
Box 4 Folder 334	Editorials & Reviews - Words of Faith	1956 Jan 19
Box 4 Folder 335	Editorials & Reviews - Dr. Zhivago	1958 Dec 18
Box 4 Folder 336	Editorials & Reviews - 'The Thomist: 'Faith and Understanding in America'	1959 Oct 22

Box 4 Folder 337	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: 'Christianity in Conflict'	1961 Jan 24
Box 4 Folder 338	Editorials & Reviews - The Early Identification of Talented Individuals is of National Concern'	1962
Box 4 Folder 339	Editorials & Reviews - The Cowl: 'Searching the Scriptures'	1963 Feb 27
Box 4 Folder 340	Editorials & Reviews - The Cowl	1969 Feb 19
Box 4 Folder 341	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: Multiple Reviews	1969 Apr - 1969 Nov
Box 4 Folder 342	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: 'Between Earth and Heavan'	1970 Jul
Box 4 Folder 343	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: Meatphor: An Annotated Bibliography and History	1972 Jul
Box 4 Folder 344	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: 'Patmore's Asethetic and His Metrical Theory'	1972 Oct 20
Box 4 Folder 345	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: 'il Moro'	1973 Apr
Box 4 Folder 346	Editorials & Reviews - The Cowl: 'Simplicity Frames College'	1973 Nov
Box 4 Folder 347	Editorials & Reviews - The Thomist: 'Soundings in Satanism'	1974 Apr
Box 4 Folder 348	Editorials & Reviews - Providence Visitor - 'Family Values Unavoidable'	1992 Jun 18
Box 4 Folder 349	Editorials & Reviews - Providence Class Notes	1991 Winter
Box 4 Folder 350	Editorials & Reviews - Providence Visitor: 'Papal Directives and the Catholic University'	1991 Oct 31
Box 4 Folder 351	Editorials & Reviews - Providence Visitor: ' Is Rev. Ms. Harris Playing a Theological Game?'	1991 Dec 19
Box 4 Folder 352	Editorials & Reviews - Providence Visitor: 'Crossing the Threshold of Hope'	1994
Box 4 Folder 353	Editorials & Reviews - The Name of the Rose	Undated
Box 4 Folder 354	Editorials & Reviews - Oscar Wilde	Undated
Box 4 Folder 355	Editorials & Reviews - Temptation of Christ	Undated
Box 4 Folder 356	Editorials & Reviews -	Undated
Box 4 Folder 357	John E. Fogarty Memorial Service	1967
Box 4 Folder 358	Guest Speaker at PC - Major James F. Kealey - US Army	1989
Box 4 Folder 359	Honolulu Advertiser See oversized box 2	1945 Aug 14
Box 4 Folder 360	Honolulu Advertiser See oversized box 2	1945 Aug 15
Box 4 Folder 361	House Deed	1959
Box 4 Folder 362	Lecture by Kenneth L. Schmitz	1991 Jan 28
Box 4 Folder 363	Marriage Forum Speech - audiotape	1957 Mar 24
Box 4 Folder 364	Notes on 'Cathedra Sempiterna'	1994
Box 4 Folder 365	Notes on Sermons, Courses & Retreats	Undated
Box 4 Folder 366	Ordination Certificate See oversized box 2	1941 Feb 1
Box 4 Folder 367	L'Osservatore Romano - Vatican Newspaper - English Edition See Oversized box 2	1995 Apr 5 - 1995 Apr 12
Box 4 Folder 368	Peleliu - Tom Lea Paints Island Invasion See oversized box 2	
Box 4 Folder 369	Photographs	1941 - 1949
Box 4 Folder 370	Providence Visitor	1993 - 1995

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Box 4 Folder 371	Rhode Island World Affairs Week - Program	1952 Mar 9
Box 4 Folder 372	La Rocca - Italian Newspaper	1950
	See oversized box 2	
Box 4 Folder 373	The Columbia Spectator	1937 Jun 1
	See oversized box 2	
Box 4 Folder 374	Scrapbook	1928-1949
Box 4 Folder 375	Second Annual Conference of the Catholic Youth Council for Social Action	1939 Nov 11
Box 4 Folder 376	Thomistic Institute of Catholic Nurses Lecture Series - Program	1964 Feb 6
Box 4 Folder 377	Francis Thompson - The Hound of Heaven - Musical Setting	Circa 1950