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SUMMARY

Size.	73 items and 6 printed volumes
Geographic locations.	New Orleans, La.; Donaldsonville, La.
Inclusive dates.	[1784]-1963
Bulk dates.	1898-1941
Language.	English, French
Summary.	Research material and published works of C. M. Chambon, a Roman Catholic monsignor during the early-to-mid twentieth century.
Organization.	Grouped into folders according to Msgr. Chambon's church assignments. Printed volumes grouped separately.
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions. If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	None.
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
Citation.	Celestin Marius Chambon Papers, Mss. 2047, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The Right Reverend Monsignor Celestin Marius Chambon was curate of St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans and pastor of the Church of the Ascension in Donaldsonville, and of St. Augustine Church in New Orleans during the early-to-mid twentieth century.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of Chambon's research materials on Catholic architecture and history in New Orleans. The items relate to St. Louis Cathedral and St. Augustine Church in New Orleans, as well as Chambon's time in Donaldsonville, La. Included are typewritten copies of documents, newspaper clippings, and works published by Chambon.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

St. Louis Cathedral, [1851]-1938, undated

Items relating to St. Louis Cathedral include a typewritten copy of the birth certificate of Bishop Michel Portier [in French] (undated); the English translation of an article, "The New Cathedral," from *Album Louisianais*, a literary and artistic review (article published April 5, 1851, note attached dated 1925); a typewritten account of the celebration at the cathedral of the golden jubilee of the Immaculate Conception dogma (undated); and a copy of the final report of the Arts Committee for the 8th National Eucharistic Congress submitted by the chairman, Msgr. Chambon (November 2, 1938). Also included is a newspaper clipping depicting six priests from the New Orleans diocese being invested as monsignors at St. Louis Cathedral, including Right Reverend Chambon (1938), as well as images of Archbishop Francis X. Leray, Bishop Du Quesnay, and Fray Antonio de Sedella (undated).

Other clippings come from various New Orleans newspapers and concern Monsignor Chambon, the death of Archbishop Placide Louis Chapelle and the welcome of his successor Archbishop James Huber Blenk, and the purchase of Chalmette by the U.S. government for a national cemetery (1904-1908).

Donaldsonville, La., [1784]-1898, undated

Items relating to Chambon's time in Donaldsonville include a typewritten copy of the last will and testament [1784] of Reverend Père Ange de Revillergodos [in French]; a typewritten copy of a document describing Claudet Dumont v. Catholic Church of Ascension for construction of a roof [1842]; a typewritten copy of a donation of land in Ascension Parish to the Sisters of Charity [1847]; and a typewritten copy of a letter from General Benjamin Butler to the Mother Superior of the Mount Carmel Convent apologizing for damage done to the convent during the bombardment of Donaldsonville [September 2, 1862].

Also included is an issue of *The Donaldsonville Chief* (vol. 22, no. 19) which includes a history of St. Vincent's Institute in Donaldsonville (December 31, 1892), and an issue of *The Donaldsonville Daily Times* (Trade Edition, Special Number) containing articles and photographs of St. Joseph Institute and St. Vincent Institute in Donaldsonville (February 1898).

St. Augustine Church, [1845]-1941, undated

Items relating to St. Augustine Church include a letter from R. Baudier referring to an attached account of St. Augustine Church published in B.M. Norman's *New Orleans and Environs* [1845] and identifying Depouilly as a famous New Orleans architect (January 6, 1940) as well as a letter from Mother Mary Majella, Ursuline College in New Orleans, referring to attached typewritten copies of documents from the Ursuline Convent archives (April 7, 1941). These documents [in French] pertain to the work of the Ursulines and Sisters of Mount Carmel at an African American school on St. Claude Street; the history of St. Augustine Church and the Sisters of Mount Carmel and the Ursulines; and include a poem by I. V. Loubere dedicated to Madame Sainte Seraphine, superior of the Ursuline Convent in 1843 (undated).

Also included are newspaper clippings related to the history of St. Augustine Church (1925) and its Centennial celebration (October 1941).

Printed volumes, 1900-1963

Catholic Action of the South, VIII National Eucharistic Congress Souvenir Supplement, New Orleans, November 17, 1938.

Chambon, C. M., *In and Around the Old St. Louis Cathedral of New Orleans*. New Orleans: Phillipe's Printery, Exchange Place, 1908.

Chambon, C. M., *Saint Augustine Church, Year 1939*. New Orleans: A.F. Laborde and Sons, 1940.

Dufour, Charles L., editor, and Guy F. Bernard, photographer. *St. Patrick's of New Orleans, 1833-1958*. New Orleans: A.F. Laborde and Sons, 1958. Autographed presentation copy by Monsignor Henry C. Bezou.

Reid, J. S., editor and compiler, *The City of Donaldsonville Louisiana and its Environments*. Issued under auspices of The Progressive League of Donaldsonville, La., 1900.

Schwartz, Adrian D., "Sesquicentennial in St. Tammany: The early years of Covington, Madisonville, Mandeville, and Abita Springs, Louisiana." Published under the auspices of Covington City Council, 1963.

INDEX TERMS

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OS:C	--	1	Newspaper clippings (1904-1908) by and about Msgr.Chambon; <i>The Donaldsonville Chief</i> , vol. 22, no. 19, (Dec. 31, 1892); <i>The Donaldsonville Daily Times</i> . Trade Edition, Special Number, (Feb. 1898); <i>Catholic Action of the South</i> , VIII National Eucharistic Congress Souvenir Supplement (November 17, 1938)