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Charles E. Ronan, S.J., Papers

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Creator: Ronan, Charles E., S.J. (1914-2004)

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Separations: None

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Biographical Sketch

Charles E. Ronan, S.J., was born in Chicago on June 1, 1914. After his completion of St. Mel's Grade School on the West Side, his family moved to St. Charles, where he attended Fox Valley Catholic High School in Aurora, until his graduation. The following year, on February 6, 1932, Ronan entered the Society of Jesus in Milford, Ohio. He was ordained as a priest in 1945. Ronan earned B.A. and M.A. at Loyola University in Chicago, in 1941 and 1953, respectively, and his doctorate in Latin American history at the University of Texas in 1958. Ronan taught history at Loyola University Chicago from 1957 to 1960, and from 1963 until his retirement in 1984, including two academic years at Loyola's Rome Center. He continued researching and publishing after his retirement, before passing away on April 8, 2004, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago.

During his career, Ronan studied the contributions of 18th-century Jesuits, authoring books on two of them, *Francis Clavigero, S.J. (1731-1787), a Figure of the Mexican Enlightenment: His Life and Works* and *Juan Ignacio Molina: The World's Window on Chile*. In 1982, he helped organize the "East Meets West" symposium at Loyola, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the entry of the Jesuits into China, resulting in the book, *East Meets West: The Jesuits in China, 1582-1773*. He also co-edited a collection titled, *Jesuit Encounters in the New World: Jesuit Chroniclers, Geographers, Educators, and Missionaries in the Americas, 1549-1767*.

Scope and Content

The Charles E. Ronan, S.J., papers consist of 2.25 linear feet spanning the years 1945-2004 and consist of photographs; correspondence; photocopies and facsimiles of research documents; typed and handwritten notes; newspaper clippings; published books and articles; book and article reviews; and awards. Subjects covered include Francisco J.

Clavigero; Juan Ignacio Molina; the “East Meets West” Symposium held at Loyola University Chicago in 1982; and the history of the Society of Jesus, primarily during the 18th century. Languages in the collection are English, Spanish, and German; some translations are included.

Series

Series 1: Personal, 1945-1996, Box 1

This series consists of correspondence; newspaper clippings; programs; bulletins; awards; photographs; and scholarly works. Subjects include Ronan’s ordination and 50th anniversary as a Jesuit priest; Ronan’s response to President Kennedy’s 1961 Bogota speech; his 1982 class reunion marking 50 years in the Society of Jesus; Loyola’s Founders Day Alumni Award; honorary degrees presented to Ronan by Loyola University Chicago; Ronan’s 1954 M.A. thesis; and Ronan’s 1958 Ph.D. dissertation.

Series 2: Professional Correspondence, 1954-1999, Box 2

This series consists of correspondence; articles; reviews; and pamphlets. Subjects include Loyola University Chicago; Francisco J. Clavigero; Juan Ignacio Molina; *Encyclopedia of Jesuit History*; *The Americas*; Our Lady of Guadalupe; and scholarly works produced by Ronan and his peers, including *Agents of Change*, a collection of works for which Ronan served as editor. Ronan’s main correspondents include Father Ernest J. Burrus, S.J.; Howard Cline of the Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress and the Handbook of the Middle American Indians; John Glass; and John Parker of the James Ford Bell Library.

Series 3: Research on Francisco J. Clavigero, 1947-1948, 1959, n.d., Boxes 3-4

This series consists of typed and hand-written notes; photocopies of articles; photocopies of original documents; typed reproductions of original documents; facsimiles; and photographs. Subjects include Clavigero and his *Historia Antigua de Mexico*; the 1767 exile of Mexican Jesuits; Ramon Diasdado Caballero; Jose Antonio de Azate Ramirez; Don Ciriaco Gonzalez Carbajal; Jose Miranda; *Catalogo de las Lenguas*; and notes of a student in Clavigero’s “Special Physics” class. Photocopies, facsimiles, and typed papers reproduce the original Spanish language documents; some translations are included.

Series 4: Academic Reviews and Works, 1954-2004, Box 4

This series consists of reviews; articles; correspondence; and programs. Subjects include published reviews written by Ronan; the “East Meets West” Symposium in 1982; and reviews by other scholars on works by Ronan, including *Francis Clavigero, S.J. (1731-1787), a Figure of the Mexican Enlightenment: His Life and Works*; *Juan Ignacio Molina: The World’s Window on Chile*; and *East Meets West: The Jesuits in China, 1582-1773*.

Series 5: Publications, 1959-2002, Box 5

This series consists of books and published articles. Subjects include Juan Ignacio Molina; Mexican history; and the history of Loyola University’s Medical Center.

Subjects:

China

Clavigero, Francisco J.
“East Meets West” Symposium
Encyclopedia of Jesuit History
Mexico
Molina, Juan Ignacio
Poinsett, Joel Roberts
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Society of Jesus
Spain

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1	8	Loyola Founders' Day Alumni Award	1988
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2	11	Contributions to encyclopedic works	1972-1996
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2	13	Correspondence with John Parker, James Ford Bell Library	1979-1991
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2	15	Correspondence with Federico at Via dei Penitenzieri, Rome	1982-1985
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2	17	Correspondence & work – Prof. Dr. Horst Pietschmann	1989-1994
2	18	Project Beggar Kids	1992-1993
2	19	Correspondence & reviews regarding Stafford Poole's work on Our Lady of Guadalupe	1995-1997
2	20	Correspondence regarding publication of <u>Agents of Change</u> , ed. Fr. Ronan, S.J.	1993-1997

Series 3: Research on Francisco J. Clavigero, 1947-1948, 1959, n.d.,

3	1	Clavigero Research – Father Ronan's typed notes	N.D.
3	2	Clavigero Research – Summaries and notes on Clavigero and Caballero	N.D.
3	3	Clavigero Research – Photocopies of articles and notes	N.D.
3	4	Letter from Cuban Jesuit Gustavo Amigo Jansen, S.J., regarding exiled Mexican Jesuits	1959
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3	9	Copies of Clavigero's, "NOTICIA de las Misiones de los Jesuitas de la Prov. Mexicana"	N.D.
3	10	Clavigero Research – Typed copy of pertinent pages of <u>Catalogo de las Lenguas</u>	N.D.
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4	7	Ronan’s, “Lost and Found: Notes on Clavigero”	N.D.

Series 4: Academic Reviews and Works, 1954-2004

4	8	Anales chilenos de historia de la medicina	1968
4	9	Drafts of Fr. Ronan’s article on Molina’s, “De peste variolarum” elegy	2003-2004
4	10	Final version of Ronan’s article on the Molina elegy, submitted to the Colonial American Historical Review	2003
4	11	Ronan article, “Observations on the word ‘gringo’”	1964
4	12	Reviews written by Fr. Ronan, S.J.	1954-1994
4	13	Reviews of Father Ronan’s works on Clavigero (1977) & Molina (1979)	1977-1981
4	14	<u>East Meets West</u> : Symposium & resulting book	1982-1991
4	15	Papers of Carolyn McElrath	1995
4	16	Article by Krolikowski, S.J., “The institute of Jesuit History at Loyola University in Chicago”	1994
4	17	Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University	1980

Series 5: Publications, 1959-2002

5	1	Excerpt on Ronan’s Johnson Fund Grant, 1958, reprinted from <i>Year Book of The American Philosophical Society, 1959</i>	1959
5	2	“Observations on the word ‘Gringo’” by Charles E. Ronan, S.J. from <i>Arizona and the West: A Quarterly</i>	1964

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<i>Journal of History</i>		
5	3	<i>Carta de Carlo Albrizzi, S.J., Misionero en el Marañon</i> by Charles E. Ronan, S.J. 1970
5	4	<i>Juan Ignacio Molina: The World's Window on Chile</i> by Charles E. Ronan, S.J. 2002
5	5	<i>Elegías: Latinas de la Viruela, 1761</i> by Prof. Dr. Rodolfo Jaramillo Barriga 1976
5	6	<i>Historia Mexicana</i> 1959
5	7	<i>Loyola University and Its Medical Center: A Century of Courage and Turmoil</i> by Richard A Martre, Ph.D. 1995