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Papers include a notebook of Martin I. J. Griffin entitled, "Notes relating to St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, 1787-1883," a list of inscriptions on tomb stones...1759-1887, the papers of St. Mary's Church during the Episcopates of Michael Francis Egan (1808-1814) and Henry Conwell (1819-1842), receipted bills of the Church, 1795-1819, a large body of material on the Hogan-Conwell Schism, 1821-1827, including a portrait of William Hogan, papers of the St. Mary's Total Abstinence Beneficial Society of Philadelphia, 1842-1850, the manuscript of an article by Martin Griffin on the German Catholics in Philadelphia (published in the Records of the A.C.H.S., March 1910), and 36 printed items, including a leaflet entitled, "The character of a Church-Papist," published in London, 1681.

Gifts of Martin I.J. Griffin, Miss Elizabeth Randall, and others, ca. 1933.

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Old Saint Mary's Church, located at 252 S. 4th St., Phila., Pa. was founded in 1763. First Cathedral of the Diocese of Philadelphia, from 1810 to 1838, it was once called "The Parish Church of the Revolution." For two hundred years, this historical Church has served God and Country.

Old St. Joseph's had previously served the Catholics of Phila., but the need for a larger Chapel was seen. Reverend Robert Harding, S.J., the first Pastor of St. Mary's resided at St. Joseph's at 4th & Walnut Sts., and revenues came from Sir James Fund. After Father Harding's death, who was described as a Gentleman of integrity, Father Ferdinand Farmer and Father Molyneux were the joint pastors of the Catholics in Phila., the one for the English and Irish, and the other for the Germans.

The Third Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence was celebrated religiously in St. Mary's Church in 1779. For 30 years things ran smoothly, the discontented German Catholics wanted to erect a new church for themselves, which was opened November 20, 1789, exclusively for Germans, making it the first National Church in this country. It was named Church of the Holy Trinity.

There was also a Burying Ground of St. Mary's Church situated on 4th and 5th Streets. In 1808 Reverend Michael Egan was appointed as first Bishop, as Philadelphia was formed into a diocese. Bishop Egan dealt with the Trustees dictatorial and turbulent provocations as best he could. His health failed which these wicked trials hastened his death, and he died in 1814.

Father Henry Conwell was appointed the next Bishop of St. Mary's. He had a very unpleasant distasteful episcopate which was linked with the Hogan Schism. It almost put an end to the Catholic Church in Philadelphia.

The aged Bishop Conwell strode for discipline, and reprimanded the flamboyant Hogan, but to no avail. Bishop Conwell was then called to Rome by the Holy See, who was displeased by Conwell giving in to the Trustees demands by signing the document. On December 27, 1830, Bishop Kenrick assumed the Office of Chief Pastor of the Church.

In order to end Hogan's Schism, Bishop Kenrick made St. John the Evangelist Church the new Cathedral, which was successful for its cause. Later on suggested by Bishop Kenrick, The Very Reverend Edward Barron D.D., became Rector of St. Mary's Church, who also had Rectorship of the new Seminary. Until 1840 Dr. Barron retained his position at St. Mary's Church.

On the Bi-Centennial of St. Mary's Church, The Catholic Standard and Times carried a brief account of the history of Old St. Mary's Church. It was a happy event marked by a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Krol. On this same occasion was commemorated also Father William T. Kelly's 26th anniversary as Pastor of St. Mary's and his 60th anniversary to the Priesthood.

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1	1	Notebook: <u>Notes Relating to St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia (1787-1883)</u> by Martin I. J. Griffin.
	2	Notebook: <u>List of Inscriptions on Tomb Stones, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Graveyard, Fourth St. below Locust St., Phila. (1759-1887)</u> . Presented to the Catholic Historical Society by John J. Maitland.
	3	Papers: 1760-1809: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration of Trust, Jan. 6, 1760, by which Daniel Swan, Thomas Mullaby, John Cottringer, Edward Harrington, William Hussey, and James White assumed responsibility for land on West 4th St., Phila. (Recorded, Jan. 28, 1788) Copy, restored. 2. Real estate held by the Trustees of St. Mary's Church... (n.d., post 1797). 3. Subscriptions uncollected (n.d.) 4. Proposal for Music School, with list of subscribers, 1804. 5. Letter from Joseph Azan to the Rev. Mr. Egan, Phila., Nov. 10, 1806. (Requests continuation of reimbursement for singing in choir). 6. Letter from Benjamin Carr to Mr. Ryan, Phila., November 26, 1807. (Discusses terms on which he will take position of organist and choir director). 7. Address from the Trustees of St. Mary's to the Pew-Holders, Phila., May 4, 1805. (Financial appeal) Printed. 8. Patrick Linehan's will (copy) Jan. 3, 1806. Certified, Sept. 4, 1809. 9. Letter of John Carroll to Trustees, June 21, 1809. (Concerns protection of pew-holders' rights, when altering Church; encloses resolutions for possible adoption. Also filed here: Copy of same letter, with resolutions).
	4	Trustees' Minutes, June 29, 1808 - Jan. 2, 1811. (Incomplete).

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1	5	1810-1814 (<u>Bp. Egan's Episcopate</u>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subscription list, to pay travelling expenses of Rev. Mr. Eagan, who is being called to Phila. (n.d.; is this <u>Bishop Egan</u>?) 2. Letter to the "President and Managers of St. Mary's Church," from P. Callan, asking for pens and ink for the writing class in the Free School. April 16, 1810. 3. Letter to Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Egan, from John Mulloony and John Carroll, Jan. 1, 1811. (Speaking for pew-holders, to protect their rights to have pews as near to original location as possible, after renovations to Church) 4. Report of Committee on financial state of the Church, April 9, 1812. 5. Church Accounts (n.d.-1813) 6. Treasurer's Reports, 1811-1812; 1814-1815. 7. Copies of anonymous threatening letters sent to pro-Tory Trustees, Sept., 1812. 8. Papers Re: Problems in Church, 1812-1814. 18 items. 9. Resignation of P. Callan as teacher of Free School, Jan. 30, 1813, and letters of applicants for job. 8 items.
6		Receipted bills of Church, 1795-1819. 60 items.
7		Papers of Church, during interim between Pb. Egan and BP. Conwell, July 22, 1814 - Dec., 1820. 2 items. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter from James Gartland, Secy. of Bd. of Trustees, to Hugh Christy, Treas. of St. Mary's Congregation. Phila., July 10, 1817. (Concerns debt due to Philip Smyth). 2. Testimonial to Rev. Mr. De Barth, interim pastor, on his departure, at the time of Bp. Conwell's arrival. Phila., Nov. 29, 1820.

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| 1 | 8 | <p>Papers of Church, during Bp. Conwell's Episcopate, 1819-1842. 33 items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rules on voting rights of pew-holders, 1821, plan of pews, lists of pew-holders, 1821-1826, 1828 and 1832, etc. 8 items. 2. Minutes of meeting of St. Mary's congregation, Nov. 24, 1824, formulating resolution designed to end disagreement between congregations of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Churches. 3. A Statement of facts...between Bp. Conwell and... (3 Trustees) April 17, 1827 (Re: Rev. Wm. Vincent Harold) 4. Letter to Cardinal in Rome, from Wm. Harold. Phila., July 30, 1828. Printed (In Latin) 5. Minute Book of Board of Trustees, April 19, 1827-April 5, 1830. 6. Letters from Francis Cooper, of New York, to parents in Phila., 1827-1831, Re: (Among other things) Rev. Wm. V. Harold, suspended by Bp. Conwell from St. Mary's Church, Phila., 11 items. (Francis Cooper says Bp. Dubois of New York is willing to have Mr. Harold there. Also filed here: account of early years of Wm. V. Harold in Phila., 1808-1813, with copy of petition from Congregation of St. Mary's to the Archbishop of Baltimore, ca. 1813, asking him to induce Harold and his uncle, Rev. James Harold, to come back, after they have resigned. 7. Circular, "To the Pew-holders of St. Mary's Church," from Bp. Francis Patrick Kenrick, April 12, 1831. (Printed) 8. Agreements of Pew-holders and Trustees of Church, to restore harmony to Church, April 16 and 26, 1831. 3 items. 9. Legal statement (Incomplete) of ways to remove a Clergyman (n.d.) |
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1	8	Papers of Church, during Bp. Conwell's Episcopate Contd. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Rough draft of letter from Trustees to (Bp. Conwell, n.d.) trying to get him to lift his interdict on the Church, saying they do not wish to interfere with spiritual concerns, but feel they should have right to regulate salaries, etc. 11. Letter from Bp. Conwell to Trustees (addressed to Archibald Randall, Esq.) Phila., May 13, 1831. (Says he never approved of interdict and regrets it; restates his rights and privileges and moneys he considers himself entitled to). 12. Letter to Bp. Kenrick from Archibald Randall, Secy. to Board of Trustees, Sept. 12, 1831. (Notifies him of "Amicable action" being brought by Bp. Conwell against Trustees, to settle whether he is entitled to legacy of Peter Gill, already claimed by Bp. Kenrick). 13. Account by Bp. Henry Conwell of controversy between him and Bp. Kenrick. (n.d., post 1832) Printed, but not published. 6 p. 14. Letters from Bp. Conwell to Archibald Randall, Chairman of Board of Trustees, asking for payment of moneys he claims he is entitled to. 4 items, March-Nov., 1834.
	9	<u>Hogan-Conwell Schism</u> , 1821-1827. ca. 32 items, including letters, legal papers, clippings of printed letters, and picture of Fr. William Hogan. (Largely assembled by Martin I. J. Griffin)
	10	Roman Catholic Society of St. Mary's Church. (Note: This Society was comprised of the whole congregation of the Church and was a legal corporation, for handling the business affairs of the Church.) 3 items: Receipted bill for legal services, 1800; 2 deeds to land sold by Society to Nancy Brooke to Samuel Brooke, Ignatius Brooke, and Joshua Thorpe, 1831.
	11	St. Mary's Catholic Total Abstinence Beneficial Society of Philadelphia. 14 items, 1842-1850. Constitution, Minutes, correspondence, etc. (See also Box 2, Folder 1, #6)

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1	12	St. Mary's Church -- Data -- 1840-1867. Notebook. 16 items laid in.
	13	Article on <u>German Catholics in Philadelphia</u> , by Martin I.J. Griffin. 2 rough drafts (n.d.) Published, A.C.H.S. Records, March, 1910.
	14	St. Mary's Church -- Miscellaneous. 17 items. Include receipts for pew rent, orders to erect grave stones; Fire insurance policy for Michael Egan's Chapel, Dec. 12, 1811; Accounts in the settling of the estate of Peter Gill, 1801-1804; Draft of letter to Rev. Jeremiah Keily, Nov. 12, 1834, from Trustees of St. Mary's. containing resolutions of appreciation at time of his retirement, plus 2 letters from him, Nov. 27, 1834, thanking Trustees; 2 letters to Trustees from W. I. Duane, Phila., Feb. 17 and March 14, 1835, requesting payment of bonds owing to estate of John Dempsey; Petition of Ellen Moss to Trustees, July 15, 1861, requesting reimbursement for money she paid to extinguish ground rent on house owned by Trustees; letter from John Wanamaker to Rev. Dr. Horstmann, Chacellor of the Cathedral, June 29, 1887, inviting him to deliver oration and benediction at 4th of July Celebration, at Independence Square; 2 ms. articles by (M. Griffin, 1886) re: remodelling of Church; list of Clergy of St. Mary's Church, 1838-1885, taken from Register by Ignatius F. Horstmann; rough draft of article by (M. Griffin) on first coming of Catholics to Philadelphia area.
2	1	Printed Items: 36 items, 1681-1905. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. 3 small booklets: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Doctrine Society of St. Mary's Sunday School. Phila. (n.d., post 1838).</u> 2. <u>Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Mary's Beneficial Society for Male and Female Members, Phila., 1867.</u> 3. <u>Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Mary's Beneficial and Charitable Association, of Philadelphia, Pa. Phila., 1879.</u>

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2	2	<i>Remove?</i> "The Character of a Church-Papist." London, 1681. Leaflet (2) p.
	3	<u>Appendix to the Address of the Lay Trustees of St. Mary's Church to their Fellow-Citizens (1823. Concerns controversy between Mr. Wm. Vincent Harold and Rev. Abbe Inglesi. Has name "Inglesi" written in pencil on cover. Pages 1-6, missing) (See complete address, Bound Pamphlets, No. 3-C)</u>
	4	List of Trustees of St. Mary's Church, 1836. Printed. (Given by Miss Randall)
	5	Newspapers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Ulster County Gazette</u>, Jan. 4, 1800 (complete) 2. <u>Phila. Public Ledger</u>, V. I, No. 1, March 25, 1836 (Complete) 3. <u>Phila. Ledger and Transcript</u>, Jan. 8, 1877, clipping on the "Great Exhibition"
	6	Clippings, 1884, 7 items; 1885-1886, 19 items. (Include 7 re: Total Abstinence Beneficial Society of St. Mary's and 5 re: remodelling of Church, 1886) See also Box 1, Folder 11, above.
	7	<u>Repertory of Church Music</u> , No. 1. Dolphin Press, Phila., 1905.
	8	Pamphlets (Unbound): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Extracts from the DESULTORY EXAMINATION of the Rev. W. V. Harold's Reply to the Rejoinder of the Catholic Layman (Matthew Carey) May 15, 1822.</u> 2. <u>An Act to incorporate the Members of the Religious Society of Roman Catholics, belonging to the Congregation of St. Mary's Church...As amended, December, 1826. (Charter) 2 copies.</u> 3. <u>Pastoral address of the Right Rev. Dr. Kenrick...on occasion of the Promulgation of the Decrees of the Provincial Council. Phila., (August) 1831.</u> 4. <u>Discourse delivered in St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. May 6, 1832, by Charles Constantine Pise, D.D. Phila., 1832.</u>

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2	8	5. <u>Financial Report of the Corporation of St. Mary's Church Philadelphia. 1837.</u>
		6. <u>The Story of St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, by Martin I.J. Griffin, 1893.</u>
		7. <u>American Catholic Historical Researches, Vol. X, No. 2, April, 1893. Contains continuation of the "Story of St. Mary's," by Martin I.J. Griffin; also, "Reminiscences of the Rev. Wm. Hogan, Rev. William V. Harold and the Memorial Vow of Rev. Father Carter," by F. Harold Dufee.</u>
		8. <u>The United States and France: Mutual Aid Towards Freedom. Reprinted from the Records of the A.C.H.S. of Phila., Vol. LX, No. 1, March 1949.</u>
		9. <u>Old Saint Mary's, a Bi-Centennial. Program of the Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving offered by...the Most Reverend John J. Krol...Archbishop of Phila., on Thursday, Nat 30m k963...</u>
9		Pamphlets (Bound):
		1. <u>A Series of Letters Relating to the Late Attempt at a Reconciliation between...the congregations of St. Joseph's.. Abstract of an Address delivered by the Rev. T.J. O'Meally,.. St. Mary's...Phila., Jan., 1825.</u>
		2. A. <u>The Brief of his Holiness Pope Pius VII, addressed to Ambrose, Archbishop of Baltimore...(et al) Rome, Aug. 24, 1822. (With correspondence of Hogan, Conwell, and Harold).</u>
		B. <u>The Right of States to Alter and Annul Charters Considered, and the Decisions of the Supreme Court...thereon Examined,...With Some Observations on the Dispute concerning the Alteration of the Charter of St. Mary's Church, Phila., by Thomas Earle. Phila., 1823.</u>
		3. A. <u>An Address to the Roman Catholics of the United States, by a Layman of St. Mary's Congregation. Phila., July, 1821.</u>
		B. <u>A Republication of Two Addresses lately Published in Phila., the First by a Committee of St. Mary's Church on Reform of Church Discipline, the Second by a Layman of St. Mary's Congregation, in Reply to the Same, with Introductory Remarks, by a Layman of New York. New York, 1821.</u>

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3. C. An Explanation of Some Canon Laws Concerning Ex-communication...respectfully dedicated to the Congregation of St. Mary's Church, Phila., by M.F.; Remarks on the opinion of the Rt. Rev. Servandus A. Mier; Sundry Documents Addressed to St. Mary's Congregation; A Word Relative to an Anonymous Pamphlet Printed in Phila., entitled, "Remarks on the opinion of the Rt. Rev. Servandus A. Mier on certain queries proposed to him by Rev. Wm Hogan." Phila., Aug. 17, 1821.
- D. Proposed amendment to St. Mary's Charter (ca. Jan., 1822) Laid in: 4 newspaper clippings, from the Democratic Press and the Freeman's Journal, Phila., Jan., 1822, giving judge's opinions, etc.
- E. Address of the Trustees of St. Mary's Church to Their Fellow Citizens; containing a Correspondence between Them and the Right Reverend Bishop Conwell, on a Late Attempt at a Reconciliation...Phila., Sept., 1823. (With Appendix)
- F. O'Meally, Thadeus J. An Address...to Both Parties of the Congregation of St. Mary's. 1824.
- G. A Concatenation of speeches, memoirs, deeds and memorable references relative to St. Mary's Church. Phila., 1824. (Indexed)
- 4.A. A Reply to a Catholic Layman..., by William Vincent Harold. Phila., 1822. (With Appendix)
- B. Rejoinder to the Reply of the Rev. Mr. Harold..., by a Catholic Layman Marthew Carey Phila., 1822. (2 copies)
- 5.A. Review of Three Pamphlets Lately Published by the Rev. W. V. Harold. Phila., 1822. (2 copies) by a Catholic Layman M.C.
- 6.A. An Address to the Congregation of St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, by Wm Hogan. Phila., 1821. (Part I) (2 editions).
- B. Continuation of an Address to the Congregation of St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia, by Wm. Hogan. Feb. 2, 1821. (Part II)