Edward V. Boursaud, SJ, President's Office Records
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Summary Information

Library Unit: Archives and Manuscripts Department

Title: Edward V. Boursaud, SJ, President's Office records

Date [inclusive]: 1897, 1900

Extent: 0.1 Linear feet (1 folder)

Language: English

Abstract: The Edward V. Boursaud, SJ, President's Office Records contain two letters written by the fifth president of Boston College, Edward V. Boursaud, SJ.

Preferred Citation note

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Administrative Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note
President's Office Records, University Archives, John J. Burns Library, Boston College.
Biographical note

Edward V. Boursaud was born in New York on September 1, 1840. His parents were French and the family returned to live in France when Boursaud was a child. Boursaud received part of his schooling in France, before returning to the U.S. where he attended Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, Maryland. After graduating in August 1863, Boursaud joined the Society of Jesus at Frederick, Maryland. Two years later, he was made professor of classics at Frederick and then went on to teach poetry at Georgetown. In September 1871 he began seven years of training in philosophy and theology in preparation for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1877 and in 1878 was sent to Boston College as a teacher of poetry and rhetoric. After two years at Boston College, Boursaud returned to Frederick to undertake a year of ascetical study. Following this, he was selected for the position of Secretary to the English Assistant on the Jesuit General’s staff in Rome. In 1884, Boursaud was called back to the United States and, shortly afterward, appointed fifth president of Boston College. During his tenure, from 1884-1887, attendance rose steadily, and the University began offering the Master of Arts degree for the first time.

Father Boursaud had a reputation for being devoted to the poor and to workers; during a strike by streetcar staff he is said to have travelled by workers' barge in solidarity with the strikers. After his time as president of Boston College, he served as its treasurer, taking up the position in 1895. He died March 18, 1902 in Frederick, Maryland.

Sources


Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of two letters written by the fifth president of Boston College, Edward V. Boursaud, SJ, to a Mr. Brown. Their subject matter relates to Masses said on the behalf of a person named George.

This collection's materials share a box with two other presidential collections: Edward I. Devitt, SJ, President's Office records and Timothy Brosnahan, SJ, President's Office records.
Collection Inventory

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