

Papers of Br Alphonsus M. Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers

Identity Statement	
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Title	Papers of Br Alphonsus M. Delany, Superior General, Patrician Brothers
Creation Dates	1888-1904
Level of Description	Fonds
Extent & Medium	17 items
Context	
Administrative & Biographical History	Br Alphonsus (1844-1933) was born Michael Delany at Toomevara, Co. Tipperary. He entered the Patrician Brothers in 1868, having earlier been apprenticed to business in Dublin. He taught for some years at Mountrath boarding school, Co. Laois, and was sent to Rome in 1885 in pursuit of Papal Approbation for the Patrician Brothers. Temporary Approbation was achieved in 1888 and Br Alphonsus was elected the congregation's first Superior General that year. He held this position again between 1900-1906, and also served as Assistant General between 1895-1899 and 1906-1919. Thereafter, he returned to Mountrath until that community moved to Ballyfin, Co. Laois, in 1930. Br Alphonsus died at Ballyfin College on 1 May 1933.
Immediate Source of Acquisition	Transferred by the Patrician Brothers
Content & Structure	
Scope & Content	This collection mostly comprises letters sent to Br Alphonsus, many from Australian and Indian bishops. Includes letters that refer to financial matters and appeal for additional Brothers. The collection also includes letters from representatives of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome, that refer to governance issues.
Arrangement	Chronological order
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