

# CATHOLIC CHURCH. DIOCESE OF CLOYNE AND ROSS. BISHOP (1791-1830: COPPINGER).

## William Coppinger, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, An abridgement of the life and revelations of Jane Le Royer..., 1820-1822

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### Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Catholic Church. Diocese of Cloyne and Ross. Bishop (1791-1830: Coppinger).
- Title:** William Coppinger, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, An abridgement of the life and revelations of Jane Le Royer..., 1820-1822
- Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 234
- Extent:** 0.3 cubic ft. (2 folders)
- Abstract:** Consists of two bound volumes containing a handwritten translation by Bishop Coppinger of the French work "An abridgement of the life and revelations of Jane Le Royer, called Sister Nativity, on becoming a nun at Fougères in the diocese of Rennes in Britany [sic]: with a sequel containing her interior life, as communicated by herself to her director and by him reduced into a regular narrative in the year 1800 at London and in the other places of his exile."
- Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Citation**

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### **Processing**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

William Coppinger was the Roman Catholic Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, located in County Cork, Ireland, from 1791 until his death in 1830.

### **Scope and Content Note**

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The translation concerns the life and revelations of Jane Le Royer, a nun at the Urbanist Convent in Fougères, France. Le Royer was born on January 24, 1731 to Rini Le Royer and Mary Seneschal in Boulet, near Fougères. At the death of her parents in 1747, Le Royer found employment as a servant at a spiritual retreat near Fougères. She later joined the Order of Saint Clare, taking the name Sister Nativity. At the encouragement of the convent director, Mr. Audoin, she dictated a series of revelations concerning the Catholic Church. This manuscript was destroyed at Sister Nativity's request. On the death of Audoin a new director was installed, who again wrote down Le Royer's revelations. With the outbreak of the French Revolution, the director fled Fougères in 1791 and went into exile in London, where he prepared Sister Nativity's predictions for publication.

