Descriptive Summary

Creator: Catholic Church.
Title: Catholic Church Spiritual Essays and Meditations, 18-
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 273
Extent: 0.33 cubic ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Consists of spiritual essays, prayers, and meditations of mid 19th century Catholics.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
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Collection Description

Scope and Content Note
This is a collection of spiritual essays, prayers, and meditations of mid 19th century Catholics. The collection consists of five bound manuscripts with both original compositions and transcribed selections, written mostly in English but with some Latin as well. Two of the five
volumes were written or transcribed by the following women: Dame Mary Scholastia Dean, Dame Mary Gertrude Sweeney, and Dame Mary Stanislaus Spencer. Four of the five volumes have bookplates inside the cover that read “Ex Libris Monasterii, Sanctae Scholasticae. O.S.B. Teignmouth,” with the “O.S.B.” presumably indicating the Order of the St. Benedict since Teignmouth was also a Benedictine monastery.

Other topics included in the manuscripts include funeral services, meditations for various spiritual holidays/observations, the Eucharist, purgatory, and indulgences.
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