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## Ralph A. Gallagher, S.J., Papers

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**Creator:** Gallagher, Ralph A. (1896-1965)

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### Biographical Sketch

Ralph A. Gallagher was born to Frank and Mary Gallagher in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 29, 1897. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School (Cleveland, Ohio) in 1915. Following his freshman year at St. Ignatius College, (Cleveland, Ohio) he entered the Society of Jesus on September 1, 1916. From 1916 - 1920 he attended St. Stanislaus Seminary in Florissant, Missouri, where he completed his novitiate, juniorate and normal studies. Gallagher continued studies in philosophy (1920-1923) at Mt. Saint Michael, Hillyard, Washington. He then attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, earning his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1922 and his Master of Arts in Psychology in 1923.

After completing his studies at Gonzaga, he taught English and Classics at St. Xavier High School (1923-1925) in Cincinnati and at Campion Academy (1925-1926) in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. From 1926 - 1930, Gallagher studied theology and graduate work in sociology at St. Louis University. Father Gallagher was ordained a priest on June 26, 1929. In 1930 he obtained his Master of Arts degree in Sociology and went on to pursue a doctorate at St. Louis University, which he obtained in 1932.

During his time as a graduate student at St. Louis University Gallagher served as chaplain of the St. Louis County Jail. Among his duties at this time was writing letters to the parole board on the behalf of the prisoners.



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From 1933 to 1936 Gallagher was the chairman of the Department of Sociology at John Carroll University. In 1936 he became the first chairman of the Department of Sociology at Loyola University; a post he held until 1963. From 1942 to 1948 he served as the Regent of the School of Social Work; and in 1941 Gallagher founded the Institute of Industrial Relations, serving as its director until 1965.

In 1938 he founded the American Catholic Sociological Society and served as its first president (1938-1939) and then executive secretary from 1939 - 1965. In 1940 Father Gallagher established the society's official journal, The American Catholic Sociological Review and served as its first editor for over ten years.

Throughout his professional career Father Gallagher spoke on topics such as marriage, morality and youth. He served on many city and state boards including the Recreation Commission of the City of Chicago.

Ralph A. Gallagher died March 10, 1965.

## **Scope and Content**

The Ralph A. Gallagher, S.J., papers comprise 0.50 linear foot spanning the years 1915 – 1965 and include sermons, writings and correspondence. Subjects covered include the Society of Jesus, marriage, and Loyola University Department of Sociology.

## **Series**

### **Series 1: Biographical Materials, 1916-1960. Box 1**

Includes short biographical sketches, awards, certificates, articles, correspondence, writings, acceptance letter into the Society of Jesus, and ordination certificates.

### **Series 2: Correspondence, 1927 – 1964. Box 1**

Correspondence includes letters from Gallagher's time as Chaplain of the St. Louis County Jail and appointments to city of Chicago committees, including the Chicago Recreation Commission

### **Series 3: Professional Life, 1924 – 1964. Box 1**

Contains sermons, lectures, radio address and writings. Subjects include morality, marriage, crime, and birth control.



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**Subjects:**

Gallagher, Ralph A.

Death row inmates

Jesuits

Loyola University of Chicago

Sermons

Chicago, Ill.

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Adolescents

Crime

Morality

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Institute of Industrial Relations



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1	2	Seminary Writings	1915-1919, 1929
1	3	Society of Jesus	1916 - 1934
1	4	Correspondence - Gallagher Family	1929, 1939
1	5	Awards and Certificates	1928, 1958 - 1960
1	6	Photograph: Brother of Ralph Gallagher, S.J.	unknown
<b><u>Series 2: Correspondence, 1927 - 1964</u></b>			
1	7	Correspondence - Penitentiary	1927 - 1934
1	8	Correspondence - City of Chicago	1937 - 1938
1	9	Correspondence	1934 - 1964, unknown
<b><u>Series 3: Professional Life,</u></b>			
<i>Sermons</i>			
1	10	“Men of All Time”	1924
1	11	Sermons	1934 - 1938, 1964, unknown
1	12	“Adolescent Boy and Girl”	1935
1	13	“Come to me all you who Labor and are Heavy Burdened and I will Refresh You”	unknown
1	14	“Coming Back to Christ”	unknown
1	15	Night Sermons at Mission	unknown
1	16	Community Exhortations	
<i>Writings</i>			
1	17	“Criminal or Patient?”	1928 unknown
1	18	“Molokai”	unknown
1	19	“The Classics: Why?”	unknown
1	20	Writings	



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*Lectures*

1	21	Lectures and Retreat Notices	1931 - 1937, 1964, unknown
1	22	Ave Maria Shrine Series - Birth Control	unknown
1	23	Ave Maria Shrine Series - Broken Homes	unknown
1	24	Ave Maria Shrine Series - Marriage	unknown
1	25	Ave Maria Shrine Series - Morality	unknown
1	26	Ave Maria Shrine Series - Our Homeless Children	unknown
1	27	“Casualties on the Home Front”	unknown
1	28	“The Lure of Crime”	unknown
1	29	Articles on lectures	unknown

*Radio Addresses*

1	30	Radio Addresses	1934 - 1937
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*Loyola University Chicago*

1	31	Correspondence - Loyola University Chicago	1936 - 1941, 1963, unknown
1	32	School of Social Work Meeting Minutes	1936
1	33	William A. Finnegan, S.J. obituary	1963

*Chicago Recreation Commission*

1	34	Chicago Recreation Commission Booklets	1944 - 1945
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*Commencements*

1	35	Commencements	1934
1	36	Rockhurst College Commencement Speech	unknown