



*The following is the finding aid for the Pioneer Priest collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted.*

*[Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)*

**Pioneer Priests  
Papers, 1824-1920 [bulk 1830-1898]  
MC 26**

**Volume**  
.2 cubic feet

**Access**  
Open/unrestricted

**Scope and Content Note** *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This collection contains papers from several pioneer priests serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The Florimond Bonduel file contains several typescripts of letters, 1840-1857, and the Lord's Prayer in Menomonie.

The Thomas Fagan materials include correspondence, 1868-1898, and documents in Latin, 1878-1887.

The Charles Grignon file contains photostats of correspondence, 1830-1854, with Bonduel and James McKibben.

The Adelbert Inama materials include correspondence with Bishop Martin Henni in German, 1859-1861, documents in Latin and German, 1824-1839, materials in German, 1856-1860, real estate typescripts from Dane County, Register of Deeds, 1846-1879, and drawings of the Sinsinawa Mound College that may have been done by Inama.

A folder for John Lawless contains several letters, 1846-1862 received from Bonduel, Fr. L. Galtier and W.C. Verhoef.

The Casper Rehrl files include a German typescripts of newspaper articles, 1864, and a newspaper clipping about Rehrl. This collection includes notebooks, 1858-1859; 1875-1876, which contain entries in German and English. Also included is an additional folder of statutes in Latin, German and English, 1862 for the Sisters of St. Agnes. In 1846 Rehrl founded a convent of the Sisters of St. Agnes in Barton.

**Provenance**

This collection was created from materials found in Peter Leo Johnson's collection.

**General Note**

Some of Fr. Adelbert Inama's letters were transcribed in the Wisconsin Magazine of History:

[Vol. 11, no. 1, Letters 1842-1843](#)

[Vol. 11, no. 2, Letters 1843-1844](#)

[Vol. 11, no. 3, Letters 1844-1845](#)

[Vol. 11, no. 4, Letters 1845-1846](#)

[Vol. 12, no. 1, Letters 1846-1853](#)

A full compilation book was also published: *Letters of the Reverend Adelbert Inama, O. Praem.*

**Box and Folder List** *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged alphabetically. “B” is an abbreviation for box and “F” is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 1	F 1	Florimond Bonduel, Correspondence, 1840, 1845, 1857 (typescripts)
B 1	F 2	<a href="#">Florimond Bonduel, The Lord’s Prayer, Menomoni Indian, n.d.</a>
B 1	F 3	Thomas Fagan, Correspondence, n.d., 1868-1898
B 1	F 4	Thomas Fagan, Documents, 1878-1887 (In Latin)
B 1	F 5	Charles Grignon, Correspondence, 1830-1854 (photostats)
B 1	F 6	Adelbert Inama, Correspondence to Archbishop Henni, 1859-1861 (In German)
B 1	F 7	Adelbert Inama, Documents, 1824-1839 (In Latin and German)
B 1	F 8	Adelbert Inama, Financial materials, 1856-1860 (In German)
B 1	F 9	Adelbert Inama, Real Estate, 1846-1879 (Typescripts from Dane County Register of Deeds)
B 1	F 10	Adelbert Inama ?, Sinsinawa Mound College Drawing, n.d.
B 1	F 11	John Lawless, Correspondence, 1846-1862
B 1	F 12	Caspar Rehr, Newspaper articles, 1864 (typescripts in German)
B 1	F 13	Caspar Rehr, Newspaper Clipping, 1920
B 1	F 14	Caspar Rehr, Notebook, 1858-1859 (In German and English)
B 1	F 15	Caspar Rehr, Notebook, 1858-1859 (Photostats)
B 1	F 16	Caspar Rehr, Notebook pages, 1848-1861
B 1	F 17	Caspar Rehr, Notebook, 1875-1876 (In German and English)
B 1	F 18	Caspar Rehr, Sisters of St. Agnes, Statutes, n.d., 1862 (In Latin, German and English)