



*The following is the finding aid for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Sesquicentennial 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.](#)

**Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Sesquicentennial Collection, 1989-1994  
AS 178**

**Volume**

1.9 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted

**Historical Note**

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Sesquicentennial celebration events occurred from 1993-1994. Planning for the celebration began in 1989 with the formation of the Sesquicentennial Steering Committee. The sesquicentennial preparation brought the establishment an archdiocesan archives program and a written archdiocesan history, *In the Richness of the Earth: A History of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee 1843-1958*, by Fr. Steven A. Avella. The history of the diocese was featured in a video and on displays at the Milwaukee Public Museum and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Committees were set up to prepare for Mass on April 24, 1994, held at the MECCA, as well as other special events held from 1993-1994. Parishes were involved with the celebration by researching their own parish histories, pastoral visitations, and contributing items to a time capsule.

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

This collection contains the records of the steering committee and subcommittees of the sesquicentennial celebration. The records of these committees contain meeting agendas and minutes and correspondence; committees include: archive advisory, communications, education, exhibits, history, liturgy, special events, and the youth rally. Also included are news clippings, publications, proclamations, VHS tapes, and the content list of a time capsule.

**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	Archives advisory committee, 1990-1993
B 1	F 2	Budget, 1993-1994
B 1	F 3	Communications and media relations, 1992-1994
B 1	F 4	Correspondence, 1992-1994
B 1	F 5	Education committee, 1992-1994
B 1	F 6-7	Educational Resources Binder, 1993
B 1	F 8	Event committee, 1994
B 1	F 9	Exhibits committee, 1992-1994

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 1	F 10	History committee, 1989-1990
B 1	F 11	Liturgy committee, 1992-1994
B 1	F 12	Miscellaneous celebrations and programs, 1993-1994
B 1	F 13	News clippings, 1992-1994
B 4		Newspapers, 1993
B 1	F 14	Pastoral visitations, 1992-1993
B 4		Proclamations, 1994
B 2	F 1-2	Publications and programs, 1993-1994
B 2	F 3	Special events committee, 1992-1994
B 2	F 4	Staff day, 1992-1993
B 2	F 5-8	Steering committee, 1989-1994
B 3	F 1	Survey to parish councils/ACP/APC/Diocesan offices, 1989
B 3	F 2	Time capsule content list, 1993-1994
B 3	F 3	Vespers service, 1993
B 4		VHS, 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary concert
B 4		VHS, 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass
B 4		VHS, "Let us go Forward"
B 3	F 4	Video committee, 1989-1993
B 3	F 5	Video scripts, 1993
B 3	F 6	Youth rally committee, 1992-1993