

Collection 00008

Rev. Robert E. Lamb, CSB, Personal Files

**The University of St. Thomas
Houston, Texas**

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(More information about Fr. Lamb can also be found in the following files:
Presidents Papers – V.J. Guinan, CSB and Basilians box.)

Historical Note

Robert E., Lamb, CSB, maintained the highest standards for himself. His lectures were prepared with meticulous precision. He had ‘Mabillon’ and ‘Europa’ medals struck to honor the best essays of his students. For many years he produced *History Pursuits*, a departmental bulletin and venue for student papers. He typed it personally and took it to the bus station for delivery to his printer in Galveston.

He brought prestigious historians to give the annual B.K. Smith History Lecture and edited its annual publication. A high point in his professional life was securing the celebrated British historian, Christopher Dawson, for a lecture in 1960. Later that year he was invited to accompany Archbishop-elect George Bernard Flahiff, CSB, to a private audience with Pope John XXIII. Conversation turned to the preparation of the Vatican Council II, a subject fed by his insatiable interest in history and the Church.

Biographical Note

Robert E. Lamb, CSB, was born September 13, 1915, in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Catholic Central High School in Detroit, where he graduated in 1933, then entered St. Basil's Novitiate, Toronto, and made his first profession on August 15, 1934. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 15, 1943, in St. Basil's Church. He received his BA in 1938 from the University of Western Ontario; MA in 1945 from University of Toronto; and PhD in 1954 from the University of Ottawa, with a thesis on the Riel Rebellion in Western Canada. In 1953 he was appointed to the University of St. Thomas, Houston, where he remained for forty-two years.

In 1996, he moved to the Basilian Fathers Residence (Infirmery) in Toronto and died January 29, 2000.

Scope and Content Note

Fr. Lamb's personal collection covers the period from 1944 to 2000. The collection includes:

**Archival Training Certificate awarded to Fr. Lamb
Anniversaries/Golden Anniversary Celebration/Homily
Australia Trip
Basilian Fathers Mission
Cards and Letters from Nieces and Nephews
Christopher Dawson Book Review by Fr. Lamb
Diocesan Senate of Priests Agendas and Minutes
Diocesan Senate of Priests Correspondence
Donation to Annual Fund
Education for Life Program; Letters to Deaneries
Franciscans
Homilies
Literature Apostolate
Manuscripts and Writings
Presbyteral Council Agendas and Minutes**

Publishing Information

Quotable Quotes

Retirement Party for Fr. Lamb

Sacrament of Penance in the Life of the Church

Says the Ole' Professor Writings for the Cauldron

Social Justice Newsletter of the Basilians

Superior General's Retreat

The Christmas Story, the True Meaning of Christmas

The Christophers

Thesis, Beginnings from Fr. Lamb's Student Days in Ottawa

Third Order of St. Francis Appreciation Dinner; Annual Memorial Mass

Acquisition Information

The files were obtained from Robert E. Lamb, CSB.

Physical Condition

Most of the files are in good condition. Some of the papers have a small amount of rust on them from the fasteners that were used. Others are somewhat acidic which have turned the papers brown. No conservation work is planned.

INVENTORY

MANUSCRIPTS AND WRITINGS

Box	Folder	
1	1	The Crossroads Civilization, 1980
	2	Manuscripts denied by Publishers, 1955-60
	3	Manuscripts 1966-78
	4	Manuscripts/Writings, n.d.
	5	Manuscripts/Writings, n.d.

MANUSCRIPTS AND WRITINGS (continued)

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| 1 | 6 | Manuscripts/Writings, n.d. |
| | 7 | Manuscripts/Writings, n.d. |
| | 8 | The Middle Civilization, 1978 |
| | 9 | Mother of the Lambs, 1989 |
| | 10 | Thesis for M.A. (The teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas on Economics),
University of Toronto, 1944 |

WRITINGS FOR CAULDRON

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| 2 | 1 | Says the Ole' Professor, 1978-1990 |
| | 2 | Says the Ole' Professor, 1991-1994 |

DIOCESAN SENATE OF PRIESTS

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| 3 | 1 | Agendas and Minutes, 1966-1970 |
| | 2 | Agendas and Minutes, 1971-1972 |
| | 3 | Agendas and Minutes, 1973-1975 |
| | 4 | Agendas and Minutes, 1976-1978 |
| | 5 | Agendas and Minutes, 1979-1980 |
| | 6 | Agendas and Minutes, 1981-1983 |

DIOCESAN SENATE OF PRIESTS

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| 4 | 1 | Correspondence, 1966-1971 |
| | 2 | Correspondence, 1972 |
| | 3 | Correspondence, 1973-1974 |
| | 4 | Correspondence, 1975-76 |
| | 5 | Correspondence, 1977-1984 |

PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL

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| 5 | 1 | Agendas and Minutes, 1984-1987 |
| | 2 | Agendas and Minutes, 1988-1989 |
| | 3 | Agendas and Minutes, 1990-1993 |

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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| 6 | 1 | Alumni News, Class of 1938, University of Windsor, 1938 |
| | 2 | Archival Training Certificate for Completing the Workshop, 1981 |
| | 3 | Archives (UST), Register of Collection, 1974; 2000 |
| | 4 | Anniversaries/Golden Anniversary Celebration/Homily, 1993 |
| | 5 | Annual Fund Campaign Donation, 1990-91 |
| | 6 | Australia Trip, 1979 |
| | 7 | Basilian Fathers Income & Expenses, 1966-1968 |
| | 8 | Basilian Fathers Missions, 1986-1991 |
| | 9 | Basilian Fathers of Toronto Semi-Annual Installment, 1962 |
| | 10 | Bede, The Sense of History in the Words of Venerable Bede, n.d. |
| | 11 | Cards from children of Jack Lamb (Judie, Maureen, Bob, Tom),
1981-1995 |
| | 12 | Cards and Notes from Relatives, 1981-1991 |
| 7 | 1 | Center for Lifelong Learning (taught 6 week course to Older Adults),
1987 |
| | 2 | The Christmas Story (the true meaning of Christmas), n.d. |
| | 3 | The Christophers, 1971-1988 |
| | 4 | Class of 1938 50th Anniversary, University of Windsor, 1988 |
| | 5 | College Athletic Corruption, 1989-1993 |
| | 6 | Correspondence from Children of Edward (Sr. Pat, Eileen, Colleen,
Eddie, Darlene), 1967-1990 |
| | 7 | Correspondence from Children of Jack Lamb (Judie, Maureen, Bob,
Tom), 1968-1995 |

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (continued)

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| 7 | 8 | Correspondence from Children of Woodrow (Clare, Monica, David), 1985-1992 |
| | 9 | Correspondence from Friends, 1958 |
| 8 | 1 | Dawson, Christopher (Book Review by Fr. Lamb and Correspondence), 1984-85 |
| | 2 | D. Armstrong Co., Inc., (Custom Books, Booklets, Papers), 1979-1980 |
| | 3 | d'Asti, Very Reverend Augustine, OFM, 1977 |
| | 4 | Detroit Catholic Central High School Alumni Association, 1990-1994 |
| | 5 | Disabled American Veterans Commanders Club Certificate of Appreciation to Fr. Lamb, 1995 |
| | 6 | Education for Life Program (began September 1977), Letters to Deaneries, 1977-1979 |
| | 7 | Environment and Nuclear Concerns, 1977-1987 |
| | 8 | Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Newsletter, 1976-1980 |
| | 9 | Franciscans (Correspondence and Venerable Antonio Margil deJesus, Franciscan Priest), 1974 |
| | 10 | Graduate Studies in History (Riel Rebellion in West Canada), 1952-1953 |
| | 11 | Homilies, Sermonizing of Moderate Merit and other Sermons, n.d. |
| | 12 | Honors Program Proposal to Academic Committee of Faculty from Student Representative, 1965 |
| | 13 | Literature Apostolate, 1978-1988 |
| | 14 | Literature Apostolate, 1990-1995 |
| 9 | 1 | Manuscripts & Correspondence, 1988 |
| | 2 | Miscellaneous Items, 1954-1992 |
| | 3 | Notes, Confession Procedures, Homily, Correspondence, n.d. |
| | 4 | Origins (The Apostolic Exhortation on the Family), 1981 |
| | 5 | Publishing Information, 1956-1957 |
| | 6 | Quotable Quotes, n.d. |
| | 7 | Retirement for Fr. Lamb, 1986 |

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS (continued)

Box	Folder	
9	8	Rocky Mountain Social Science Association (Paper submitted), 1966-1967
	9	Sacrament of Penance in the Life of the Church, 1980
	10	Social Justice Newsletter of the Basilians, 1991
	11	Superior General's Retreat, 1976
	12	Thesis, Beginnings from Fr. Lamb's Student Days in Ottawa, n.d.
	13	Third Order of St. Francis Appreciation Dinner; Annual Memorial Mass, 1965-1971