

**Collection 00023  
Rev. Joseph L. Meyers, CSB  
Personal Papers**

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

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**Inclusive Date Range: 1936 – 1999**

**Bulk Dates: 1986 – 1993**

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### **Historical Note**

**Rev. Joseph L. Meyers, CSB, began his 54 years of service to the University of St. Thomas in 1949 as a professor of Biology. Eventually he became chairman of the Biology Department and served in that capacity until 1983. Father Meyers, known to his students as that pipe-smoking biology professor, was a faithful, dedicated teacher and lab instructor until 1985, when he was named Professor Emeritus in Biology. During his time as professor of biology, he had the privilege of monitoring the building of a new biology facility in 1966 – Anderson Hall. In recognition of his service to the University community, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters at the 1997 May commencement.**

**Father Meyers' involvements in campus life included Faculty Advisor of the yearbook – Summa – and Spiritual Director for the Holy Name Society for men. He also coordinated the First Friday Nocturnal Adoration held in the University Chapel for nearly twenty years. As a member of the University's Basilian Community, he served as Superior from 1968 – 1974.**

**On April 2, 1987, the Rev. Joseph L. Meyers, CSB, Endowed Scholarship in Biology was created. The first recipient of this scholarship was presented to a member of the Senior Class in 1994 at the opening of the new science building – Robertson Hall. A Biology Alumni Committee continues the work of funding this scholarship.**

## **Biographical Note**

**Rev. Joseph L. Meyers, CSB, was born November 7, 1915, in Houston, Texas. His association with the Basilian Fathers began in high school at St. Thomas College (now known as St. Thomas High School) in Houston. He was a member of the class of 1932. His further education included a B.A. degree from the University of Western Ontario – 1938; the M.Ed degree from Wayne State University – 1941. He pursued further graduate studies at the University of Texas, Austin and Galveston, Texas.**

**Father Meyers was ordained a Basilian priest on August 15, 1943, in Toronto, Canada. He celebrated fifty years as a Basilian at a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Houston, on September 19, 1993.**

**After several months of failing health, Fr. Meyers died on May 29, 2003, at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Canada.**

## **Scope and Content Note**

**The collection of Rev. Joseph L. Meyers, CSB, papers covers the period from 1936 to 1999. Subjects include:**

**Appointment Books  
Assumption University, Windsor, Magazine  
Basilian Fathers Missions and Vocation Weekend  
College/University Yearbooks  
Desk Calendars  
Miscellaneous Items  
Retirement Party**

## **Acquisition Information**

**The files were obtained from the Department of Biology.**

## 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 conservations work is planned.

## INVENTORY

### Desk Calendar and Appointment Books (Fr. Meyers)

#### Box Folder

|   |   |             |
|---|---|-------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1982 – 1984 |
|   | 2 | 1985 – 1986 |
|   | 3 | 1987 – 1989 |
|   | 4 | 1990 – 1992 |
|   | 5 | 1993 – 1995 |
|   | 6 | 1996 – 1998 |

### Basilian Fathers

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|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | Missions: 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Logo and Motto, 1936 – 1986 |
|   | 2 | Vocation Weekend: Information Sheet, April 24-25, 1993              |

### Retirement Party

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|  | 3 | Correspondence and Cards, 1986 |
|  | 4 | Guest Register, 1986           |

### University of Windsor, Canada

#### Box Folder

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| 2 | 5 | Alumni News, 1988 – 1989  |
|   | 6 | Magazine, 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1988                    |
|   | 7 | 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Class of 1938, June 5, 1988 |

**Assumption University, Windsor**

**Box Folder**

**2 8 Magazine, 54<sup>th</sup> Season, 1987 – 1988**

**College/University Yearbooks**

**9 Aquinas Institute, Rochester, New York: “The Arete”, June 1942  
10 Assumption College, Windsor, Canada: “The Ambassador”, 1939  
11 St. Michael’s College, Toronto, Canada: “The Thurible”, 1943  
12 St. Michael’s College, Toronto, Canada: “The Thurible”, 1944**

**3 1 St. Michael’s College, Toronto, Canada: “The Thurible”, 1950**

**Miscellaneous Items**

**2 Beta, Beta, Beta Honor Society, Nu Beta Chapter: Fr. Meyers  
Membership, October 22, 1999  
3 Caird, CSB, Alfred P.: Funeral/Homily, February 26, 1980  
4 Correspondence, 1983 – 1999  
5 Endowed Scholarship in Biology, Joseph L. Meyers, CSB:  
Funding Prospectus, September 8, 1992  
6 General Miscellaneous Items, n.d.  
7 Golden Anniversary to the Priesthood, September 19, 1993  
8 Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters: Fr. Meyers, May 24, 1997  
9 Teaching Contracts for Fr. Meyers, 1991; 1993**