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Orestes Brownson Study Club No. 3 Records, 1933-1984

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OVERVIEW

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HISTORY

The origin of the Orestes Brownson Study Club No. 3 dates back to 1923 when a women's group was organized in Fargo, North Dakota to study Catholic literature. The Catholic women's group became known as the Orestes Brownson Study Circle named in honor of Orestes A. Brownson, famed preacher, journalist, and philosopher. In 1933, the Circle's Catholic Action Committee took as its project the organization of three affiliated study circles, at St. Joseph's Parish, St. Mary's Parish and St. Anthony's Parish. After various organizational meetings the Orestes Brownson Study Club No. 3 first met on April 8, 1933 at St. Anthony Parish in Fargo. The newly organized club met monthly to discuss various topics and continues to be active to the present as a "scholastic study club for the purpose of studying subjects

pertaining to Catholic beliefs and practices, to develop a spirit of higher Catholic inquiry among the members, and to become informed on the important issues of the day, so as to be able to discuss them intelligently from a Catholic viewpoint."

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Orestes Brownson Study Club No. 3 records consist of meeting minutes, program booklets, and several subject files. The historical materials file contains biographical material on Orestes Brownson.

The <u>Meeting Minutes Series</u> is quite complete from 1933 to 1965. The years 1965 to 1968 are missing and those up to 1984 are not totally complete. They are usually brief but cover the major actions and activities at each meeting. The club's year runs from September to May with no meetings during the summer. Most files also contain list of members, roll call record and financial summary.

The <u>Program Booklets Series</u> consist of annual printed publications which include officers, monthly program schedule and a membership list. The collection is complete except for the 1943/1944 booklet.

The two <u>Subject Files Series</u> consist of a three-page history of the club from 1923 to 1948, and typed manuscripts of several radio programs given. The subjects include the Virgin Mary, Advent Holy Week, the Immaculate Conception, and Mother Seton.

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