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Rev. Leonard Eckroth  
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## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Rev. Leonard Eckroth

**Accession Date:** June 2011

**Collection Number:** 084

**Quantity:** 0.25 linear feet

**Summary:** Information regarding the North Dakota Anti-Garb Law, 1993; one video cassette, "Bishop Joseph Werth", no date; and two sound recordings, one compact disc and one audio cassette, "Mrs. Krumm's Story," no date.

**Languages:** English

**Links:**

- [Encyclopedia of the Great Plains: North Dakota Anti-Garb Law](#)
- [Book review of "Memoirs of Father Anthony Kopp", by Rev. Eckroth](#)

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## HISTORY

The donor of this collection, Father Leonard Eckroth, was a priest at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Strasburg, North Dakota. His father emigrated from Karlsruhe, Ukraine in 1891 and moved to North Dakota. He was ordained in 1958 and resides in Bowbells, North Dakota.

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Strasburg, Emmons County, North Dakota, on Highway 83 is a gothic and Romanesque style church completed in 1911. It was blessed in June of the

same year by Bishop Vincent Werhle, of the Diocese of Bismarck, ND during a Pontifical High Mass. It was consecrated on June 28, 1916 as the second consecrated Church in the Diocese. The Abbey Church at Richardton, ND was the first and only other consecrated Church in the Diocese of Bismarck, ND.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The **Rev. Leonard Eckroth Collection** consists of one folder, the Typescripts Series, containing a photocopied copy of an article about North Dakota's "Anti-Garb Law", which was written by Linda Grathwohl of Southern Minnesota Legal Services and published in 1993 in University of Nebraska's *Great Plains Quarterly*. The Anti-Garb Laws were intended to prohibit nuns who taught in public schools from wearing their religious vestments during the 1930s and 1940s.

Also present within this collection are several electronic media resources. A VHS cassette tape, titled "Bishop Joseph Werth" (2011.52.01) contains footage of a service held in Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Strasburg, ND, date unknown. An audio cassette tape (2011.52.02) and a compact disc (2011.52.03) containing the same material, entitled "Mrs. Krumm's Story", is also present.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

<b>Box/Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>
1/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory

### **TYPESCRIPTS SERIES**

1/2	Anti-Garb Law materials
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### **ELECTRONIC MEDIA SERIES**

1/3	CD: "Mrs. Krumm's Story" [2011.52.03]
1/4	Audio cassette tape: "Mrs. Krumm's Story" [2011.52.02]
1/4	VHS: "Bishop Joseph Werth" [2011.52.01]