

Search Tips for using The Gesu Collection

The CONTENTdm software used to publish this collection requires that complete dates be searched in the format YYYY-MM-DD.

So, for example, if you were seeking all pages in the collection that reference June 16, 1857, you would type **1857-06-16** into the search box.

For partial dates, use an asterisk ‘*’ as a wildcard character. For instance, typing **1857-06*** will return any pages that reference June 1857. In a similar way, typing just **1857*** will return every page in the collection that references 1857.

Dates can be combined with names to narrow the search: for example, by typing **Ryan 1866*** you will get every page in the collection that includes the name Ryan and the year 1866.

In building this collection, we endeavored to accurately transcribe the handwritten names and include them in a searchable “metadata” field associated with each page. In this way, a search for a particular name should return those pages in the collection where this name appears. Please be warned that the name might have been recorded incorrectly by the parish priest: Many of the parishioners associated with Gesu and its antecedent parishes were Irish-Americans, but the Jesuits who staffed the parishes in the early years were often German-born or French-born. In other words, phonetic spellings might be encountered. Furthermore, it is possible that the archives staff transcribed some names incorrectly while preparing this collection. If you encounter what you believe to be an error, please consider noting it by leaving a Comment at the bottom of the page. We will take all comments into consideration. Thank you!

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