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Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione

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History: The Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione (Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples) is the department of the Holy See that organizes missionary activities worldwide. It was founded in 1622 as the Sacra Congregatio Christiano Nomini Propagando (Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith or "Propaganda Fide") and renamed in 1988. It is composed of a Cardinal Perfect and a number of other cardinals named by the Pope. Monthly meetings called "general congregations" handled special affairs and weekly "congresso" meetings of the Cardinal Perfect and the congregation's secretary handled routine affairs.

History of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith

The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded in 1822 to assist mission activities worldwide. In 1922, the Society's jurisdiction was transferred from the supreme council (i.e. Paris Council, Lyon Council) to a general council in Rome that was governed by Propaganda Fide, now the Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione.

Inclusive dates: 1822-1930

Volume: Approximately 2-3% of 42 cubic feet

Description: Letters and reports for the Propagation of the Faith Society from the United States to the Paris Council, 1828-1930, 27 reels of microfilm, arranged by diocese; and letters and reports to the Lyon Council, 1822-1900, 15 reels of microfilm, arranged chronologically. An index to the correspondence exists. A review of the index reveals that Indian missions and schools are topics of discussion. Most of the correspondence is with the Bishops, such as Bishops Frederic Baraga, Francis N. Blanchet, and Martin Marty, O.S.B. There is some correspondence with missionaries and with the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. For holdings on Congregatio Pro Gentium Evangelizatione, see also *Guide to Documents relating to French and British North America in the Archives of the Sacred Congregation "de Propaganda Fide" in Rome, 1622-1799* by Luca Codignola, National Archives of Canada, 1991.