

## Robert H. Lord Papers (1842-1988)

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### **Provenance:**

One box and a photograph donated to the Archive of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston by Rev. J. Bryan Hehir on 15 June 2015.

Other content, consisting largely of Lord's subject files, were already a part of the archive's collection as of September 2015.

### **Introduction:**

The Robert H. Lord papers held by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston span the years 1842 to 1988. The collection consists of handwritten and typed correspondence, manuscripts and drafts, research materials, sermons, notes, and photographs. Also included is an invitation to the Paris Peace Conference (1919). There are two contributors to this collection: Robert Howard Lord and Msgr. Mark Keohane. Msgr. Keohane produced and collected various writings and research materials about the life of Robert Howard Lord.

The collection consists of three cartons, one oversized flat-box, and one box, which are primarily arranged in Dr. Lord's and Msgr. Keohane's original order. Some materials, however, were given an artificial order based on chronology. Letters were ordered alphabetically by correspondent. The majority of materials are in English, with some Russian, Polish, French, and German.

### **Biographical Information:**

Robert Howard Lord (1885-1954) was a professor, diplomat, and priest. Lord was born in Plano, Illinois on 20 July 1885 to Dr. Frank Howard and Julia Marie Lord (née Custin), who were Episcopal Christians. He is most notable for his role during the Paris Peace Conference, where Woodrow Wilson personally appointed Lord as a delegate for the conference, as well as chief of the Department of Polish Affairs (1918). After experiencing a spiritual awakening in the Tuilleries Gardens in Paris, Robert Howard Lord converted to Catholicism and was baptized on 20 May 1920 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, Massachusetts, and later ordained at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts on 5 April 1929.

Works written by Lord include *The Second Partition of Poland* (1915), *Some Problems of the Peace Conference* (1920), *The Origins of the War of 1870* (1924), *Archibald Coolidge: Life and Letters* (1932), and *History of the Archdiocese of Boston* (1945).

Robert Howard Lord served as a faculty member of the history department at Harvard from 1910 to 1926, when he ultimately resigned in order to become a priest. He served as a member of the Boston Public Library's Board of Trustees from 18 May 1936 to 29 October 1952. Robert Howard Lord died 22 May 1954 in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Biographical Sketch:

20 July 1885	Born, Plano, Illinois
1906	Received Bachelor's degree at Harvard
1908	Received Master's degree
1910	Received PhD at Universities of Vienna, Berlin, and Moscow; Became history instructor at Harvard
1915	Promoted to assistant professor in history at Harvard; <i>Wrote The Second Partition of Poland</i>
1918	Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as advisor of American Peace Commission, chief of Department of Polish Affairs, and delegate at Paris Peace Conference
9 September 1919	Resigned from diplomatic work
1920	<i>Wrote Some Problems of the Peace Conference</i> with C. H. Haskins
29 May 1920	Received Catholic baptism at Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, Massachusetts
1922	Promoted to associate professor at Harvard; Became president of American Catholic Historical Association
1924	Promoted to professor and chairperson of Harvard history department; <i>Wrote The Origin of the War of 1870</i>
1926	Resigned from Harvard to become a priest
5 April 1929	Ordained at St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts
[1929-1930]	Parish assistant at St. Cecilia's, Boston, Massachusetts
24 September 1930	Appointed professor of history at St. John's Seminary
1932	<i>Wrote Archibald Coolidge: Life and Letters</i>
13 September 1933	Named vice rector at St. John's Seminary
18 May 1936	Became a trustee of the Boston Public Library
22 November 1944	Accepted appointment at St. Paul's, Wellesley, Massachusetts
1945	<i>Wrote History of the Archdiocese of Boston</i> with J. E. Sexton and E. T. Harrington
1950	Named domestic prelate
29 October 1952	Resigned from Boston Public Library's Board of Trustees
22 May 1954	Died, Boston, Massachusetts

### Scope and Contents:

The materials in the Robert H. Lord papers span the years 1842 to 1988. The majority of the material is undated, in particular, notes and drafts written by Robert H. Lord and Msgr. Keohane. The collection is arranged into three series:

Series I: Robert Howard [RHL] Papers

A: Dr. Lord's US Church History; His Student's Work; Typed Copies of Dr. Lord's own Work

B: RHL Papers

C: Correspondence [RHL]

D: Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Notes and Writings

E: Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Lecture and Research Notes

Series II: Mark Keohane Papers

Series III: Oversize Items

Robert H. Lord was a professor, a preacher, and an avid researcher. Thus, many of his materials are notes and drafts of lectures, sermons, and research papers. His notes contain information on world history, primarily Polish, and Church history. Most of his works were created after his conversion to Catholicism in 1920, and thus pertain to spiritual matters, research, and current events as well.

The materials belonging to Msgr. Keohane are primarily dated from the 1980s. Most of his papers consist of secondary sources and research materials about Robert H. Lord, including undated notes and manuscripts detailing the life of Robert H. Lord.

**Contents List:**

Box 1:

**Series I. Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Papers**

**A. Dr. Lord's U.S. Church History; His Students' Work; Typed Copies of Dr. Lord's own Work**

1. Rev. Robert Lord Pro & Con (Nov. 7, 1921)
2. Rev. Lord "Thoughts on Vocations" (Nov. 24, 1921)
3. Rev. Robert Lord Ideal of Catholic Man of Letters (Nov. 24, 1921)
4. Rev. Lord "Reflections" (Nov. 27, 1921)
5. Rev. Lord "General Principles"-- Reasons in Favor of Entering the Priesthood (Oct. 21, 1921)
6. Protestant Revolt & Catholic Reformation (1942-1943)
7. Prot. & Cath. Reformation of 16<sup>th</sup> C. (1932-1933)
8. Church since the French Revolution (1932-1933)
9. U.S. Church History (n.d.)

Box 2:

**B. RHL Papers**

1. Hoyt Diaries (1842-1847)
2. The Catholic Mind (1945)
3. Catholicism, Democracy, & Bishop Oxnam (1946)
4. Newman—taken from the Church in the British Isles since 1778 (1933-1939)
5. Lutheranism (n.d.)

6. Anabaptists (n.d.)
7. Reformation (n.d.)
8. Church and Conscience (1938)
9. II. Duty and Privilege of Participating in Catholic Action (1939)
10. Need of Catholicism in International Relation (1945)
11. Holy Eucharist (1949)
12. Sermon in the Church ("Coming Home") (1945)
13. Church Unity Octan. I. "The Other Sheep" (1937)
14. American Catholic History (1941-1943, n.d.)
15. Seating Plan: Canon Law (History) 1, 2, 3 (n.d.)
16. Sodality: "Catholic Action" (1937-1938)
17. I. The Nature and Need of Catholic Action (1939)
18. Aims and Methods of Catholic Action (1939)
19. Catholic Action (n.d.)
20. Chapter I. Protestantism (n.d.)
21. V-J Day (1945)
22. Holy Name Society (1944-1952)
23. Church and Society (n.d.)
24. Church and State (1949)
25. "Ordination Retreat" (1933)
26. The Catholic Religion (1934-1944)
27. Catholic Book Week Lecture (1938)
28. The Teaching Authority of the Church (1936)
29. Essence of Catholicism (1948)
30. Study of History (1921-1923)
31. Catholicism and Democracy (1953)
32. Working Plans (1924-1949)
33. I. The Eastern Separatists (1936-1937)
34. Odds and Ends: Notes for Canonical Examinations (1949-1953, n.d.)
35. "What Are We To Think Of Russia?" (n.d.)
36. The Roman Pontiff the Successor of St. Peter (1937)
37. "Brotherhood Week" (1948)
38. Dr. Robert Lord--Correspondence between S. Anna Laurence and S. M. Jacqueline (1973-1977)
39. Tolerance (n.d.)
40. Separation of Church and State Under the American System (1948)
41. Manuscripts by Robert H. Lord (1924, n.d.)
42. Robert H. Lord [RHL] Sermons (1926-1953)
43. Paris Peace Conference Invitation (1919)
44. Photographs (n.d.)
45. Miscellaneous (1902-1924, 1962, n.d.)

### **C. Correspondence [RHL]**

46. From: Paul Garland (1910)
47. From: Bertha Grey Hatch (1908-1910, 1927)
48. From: Roscoe C. Hatch (1908-1910)

49. From: Theodore Jones (1900-1910)
50. From: Julia Lord (1910)
51. From: Delta Upsilon (1909-1910)
52. From: Harvard (1904-1918)
53. To: Jack 12653 & Jack 12568 (1909)
54. Correspondence B-W [alphabetically] (1908-1927)
55. Correspondence (Unidentified) (1920-1924)
56. From: Mark Keohane (1929-1930)
57. Miscellaneous (1910-1985, n.d.)

**D. Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Notes and Writings**

58. Parliaments: Spain, Portugal, Italy (n.d.)
  - i. Polish Diet (n.d.)
  - ii. Philosophy of Modern History (n.d.)
  - iii. Parliaments: Scandinavia (n.d.)
  - iv. Parliaments: Hungary, Bohemia, Russia (n.d.)
  - v. Parliaments: Germany (n.d.)
  - vi. Parliaments: Netherlands and Switzerland (n.d.)
59. Law (n.d.)
60. Political Theory (n.d.)
61. Economic: General (n.d.)
62. III. Radio Talk: Naturalistic Humanitarianism (1944)
63. Philosophy (n.d.)
64. Learning (n.d.)
65. Leo XIII and Pius X (1942)
66. Cultural (n.d.)
67. Social (n.d.)
68. Art (n.d.)
69. Literature (n.d.)
70. Ord. Retr. VI (n.d.)

Box 3:

**D. Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Notes and Writings (continued)**

1. Ord. Retr. V (n.d.)
2. II. Sermon--God. Man's Best Friend: Why our failure to recognize Him as such! (n.d.)
3. Ord. Retr. III (1933)
4. Ord. Retr. IV (n.d.)
5. Church & State under the American System (1948, n.d.)
6. Newman II (n.d.)
7. Newman Synthesis (n.d.)
8. The Fourth Gospel (n.d.)
  - i. St. John (n.d.)
9. Sermons—I. Retreat at Gloucester (n.d.)
  - i. IV (n.d.)
  - ii. V (n.d.)

- iii. VII (n.d.)
- 10. The Inhabitation in Men of the Holy Ghost (Broadcast, Oct. 5, 1941)
- 11. III. Heaven (1950, n.d.)
- 12. The Mystical Body of Christ (1936)
- 13. Music (n.d.)
- 14. II. Germany. Present. (n.d.)
  - i. Hitler (n.d.)
    - 1. Naziism (n.d.)
- 15. Industrial Revolution (n.d.)
- 16. Science (n.d.)
- 17. Sermon on the Friendship of Christ (1954)
- 18. St. Joan of Arc (n.d.)
- 19. Lectures on BVM for Sodality (1935)
- 20. Fundamental Dogma--Church (1933)
- 21. Church and Society--Sermon--St. Clement's Church (1938)
- 22. St. Paul--St. Trinity Wellesley Study Group Lecture Notes (1948, n.d.)
- 23. Correspondence--Mine [RHL] (n.d.)
  - i. III. New Religious Orders
  - ii. Lecture--Catholics in Colonial England (1953)
  - iii. St. Paul & the Mystery Religions (1948, n.d.)
  - iv. The Church--The Promulgation & Interpretation of Divine Law (n.d.)
  - v. A Baccalaurate Sermon--Immaculate Conception High School (1947)
  - vi. The Family--not complete (1946-1947)
- 24. The Power of Prayer (1945)
  - i. The Mass--Talk at Wellesley College (1947-1948)
- 25. History I, II, III. Canon Law I, II, III. Music I, II, III (1938-1939)
- 26. Conscience (1926, n.d.)
- 27. New Rules as to the Eucharist Fast (1953)
- 28. The Church--Promulgation & Interpretation of the Divine Law (n.d.)
  - i. Infallibility of the Church (n.d.)
- 29. Newman (1945, n.d.)
- 30. Inhabitation in Men of Holy Ghost--Cath. Truth Hr. R.H. Lord--typed copy send to Fr. Keohane (1941)
- 31. Radio Broadcast--Communism (1944)
- 32. Polish Historiography (n.d.)
- 33. Hughes & Reformation in England (1951, n.d.)
- 34. Lecture on Peace Conference (n.d.)
  - i. Peace Conference (n.d.)
- 35. Summa Summarum (1921-1945)
- 36. Church and Promulgation and Interpretation of Divine Law--St. Clement's Church--Handwritten (1938)
- 37. Correspondence (1946-1961)
- 38. Sister Jacqueline--Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs--Liberalism [History 300] (1950-1961)

#### **E. Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Lecture and Research Notes**

39. Spain & Portugal Bibliography (1951)
40. Oxford Movement Notes (1938-1939)
41. The Church in the British Isles since 1778 (1930-1942)
42. Germany General (n.d.)
43. The Reconstruction of Poland (1945, n.d.)
44. Poland I. Old Poland (n.d.)
45. Russo-Polish Frontier--The Story of a Frontier (1944-1945)
46. Germany III. Future [Text] (n.d.)
47. What Can We Expect from Russia? (1946, n.d.)
48. Poland III. Six Tragic Years (1945-1947)
49. Poland. Constitutional History (n.d.)
50. Talk on the Bishops and Archbishops of Boston (1947)
51. Notes on American Christian History (n.d.)
52. P. Blanshard (n.d.)
53. Interviews for *The Pilot* (1954-1961)
54. Sermon Notes and Writings (1931, n.d.)
55. RHL Notes (1933)
56. Philip II Personality (n.d.)
57. Spain--Church History (n.d.)
58. Spain (n.d.)
59. Philip II. Foreign Policy [1559-1578] (n.d.)
60. Philip II. Internal Affairs (n.d.)
61. Philip II. Foreign Policy [1578-1598] (n.d.)
62. Spanish Colonial Empire (n.d.)
63. Causes of the Decline of Spain (n.d.)
64. Spain--Economic (n.d.)
65. Spain--Government & Administration (1933, n.d.)
66. Philip III to 1610 [Spain] (n.d.)
67. Spanish Literature (n.d.)
68. Portugal (n.d.)
69. Conquest of Portugal (n.d.)
70. The Portuguese Empire (n.d.)
71. Portugal--Economic & Social (n.d.)
72. Italy--Bibliography (n.d.)
73. Spain--Social (n.d.)
74. Spain--Cultural (n.d.)
75. The End of Mary Stuart [1585-1587] (n.d.)
76. Bibliographical Notes--General (n.d.)
77. Poland--Working Papers (n.d.)
78. The Netherlands to 1555 (n.d.)
79. Netherlands [1555-1567] (n.d.)

Box 4:

**E. Robert Howard Lord [RHL] Lecture and Research Notes (continued)**

1. Italy (n.d.)
2. Netherlands [1576-1584] (n.d.)

3. Netherlands [1584-1592] (n.d.)
4. Mediterranean Lands (n.d.)
5. Netherlands Bibliography (n.d.)
6. Netherlands [1592-1609] (n.d.)
7. Belgium ca. 1610 (n.d.)
8. Netherlands Biography (n.d.)
9. Alra & Requeseum [1567-1576] (n.d.)
10. Ferdinand I (n.d.)
11. Netherlands Culture (n.d.)
12. Holland ca. 1610 (n.d.)
13. Maximilian II (n.d.)
14. Rudolf II (n.d.)
15. Germany--Cultural (n.d.)
16. Germany--Economic (n.d.)
17. Germany--Constitutional & Political (n.d.)
18. Germany Biography (n.d.)
19. Old Lectures on Muscorite Russia (1919-1922)
20. Bavaria (n.d.)
21. Baltic Provinces (1951, n.d.)
22. Great Northern War [1558-1583] (n.d.)
23. Russia--Notes (1939)
  - i. Ivan IV (n.d.)
  - ii. Ciuymtloe Bpeuor [Russian script] Generalities (n.d.)
  - iii. Theodore I. Boris Grandeur. Theodore II (n.d.)
  - iv. I. Pseudo-Demetrius (n.d.)
  - v. Ciuymtloe Bperuoor [Russian script] [1606- ] (n.d.)
  - vi. Muscory Government (n.d.)
  - vii. Muscory--Ec. & Social (n.d.)
24. Medieval Parliaments. Résumés (1929, n.d.)
25. Constitutional & Legal (n.d.)
26. Colonial--Portugal (n.d.)
27. Expansion of Empire (n.d.)
28. Exploration (n.d.)
29. Barbary States (n.d.)
30. Romania (n.d.)
31. Seven Years War [1563-1570] (n.d.)
32. Germany--The Maria Catherine States (n.d.)

### **Series II. Mark Keohane Papers**

1. Correspondence to: Mark Keohane (1984-1986)
2. Poems by Jim Carroll (1983-1987, n.d.)
3. Miscellaneous (1971-1988)
4. Research Materials and Documents about Robert H. Lord [RHL] (1954-1987)
5. Research Material--Harvard (n.d.)
6. Research Material--Paris Peace Conference (1979, n.d.)
7. Manuscripts and Drafts (n.d.)



8. Handwritten Notes (n.d.)
9. Boston Public Library--John Deferrari Foundation (1948-1980)

Box 5:

**Series III. Oversize Items**

1. Summa Summarum (1926)
2. Holy Eucharist (1952, n.d.)
3. The Fourth Gospel (n.d.)
4. Course Catalogs--Harvard (1907-1911)
5. Oversized Correspondence (1903, 1922)
6. Correspondence From: Woodrow Wilson (1919)
7. Manuscripts and Drafts--Mark Keohane (n.d.)
8. Boston Public Library--John Deferrari Court Compromise (1950)
9. Miscellaneous (n.d.)