

E 54

Cursillo Movement, Fort William collection

Originals, 1 cm of textual records, 1964-1970.

Scope and Content:

Series E 54/1/1: Scrapbook - 1cm - 1964-1970 (original).

One scrapbook of clippings, photographs, newsletters, song sheets, and notes regarding the Cursillo Movement in Fort William, the first which was held in 1954.

Organizational Sketch: The Cursillo Movement was devised by a Spanish psychologist and the Bishop of Palma as a means of reviving the faith of Roman Catholic laymen in 1949. It arrived in North America in 1962 and spread to Canada. The movement is characterized by meetings wherein men study Christianity under the guidance of a priest and a lay leader known as the rector along with 10 or 12 Cursillo graduates. Courses consisted of lectures, discussion groups, and singing. The course was aimed at creating leaders and volunteers for the Roman Catholic Church and reviving faith in laymen.

Additional Information:

Custodial History: Scrapbooks compiled by G.I. Lavoie of Port Arthur, and donated by Paul Lavoie, May 28, 1998.