

Guide to the Episcopal Church Diocese of Eau Claire Records, 1858-2008

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Overview of the Collection

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Location of Collection: A5/1f

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Study includes maps and written summaries of a parish self-study and an Eau Claire religious census. Also included are a council constitution and a record of committee chairmen and histories of Christ Church in Eau Claire and the Eau Claire Diocese.

Biographical / Historical Note

Christ Church Cathedral traces its roots back to 1858, when Episcopalians in the Eau Claire area began to worship formally at various locations in the community. The parish's first church was built in 1874, while the current church was constructed from 1910-1916, with a chapel added in 1935. In 1929, Christ Church became the seat of the Diocese of Eau Claire.

The Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire was established early in 1929. The first resident bishop was the Rt. Rev. Frank E. Wilson, rector of Christ Church, Eau Claire, where he was consecrated on May 1, 1929. The diocese comprises of some 35 parishes and missions in northwestern Wisconsin.

Content Description

The Study of the Parish Cathedral consists of eight maps and two written summaries of findings. The maps, completed in 1950, appear to have been prepared in anticipation of building a parish house.

They depict population growth in Eau Claire and parish growth, zoning districts in the parish, locations of other churches in Eau Claire, locations of schools, bus routes, neighborhood concentrations of baptized members and new parishioners, and the proposed locations for the parish house. The parish never built the parish house. Rather, it built an administrative and classroom building next door to the church in the mid-1950s.

The religious census reports, dated 1955, provide summary data on the religious affiliations and church membership of over 10,000 Eau Claire households. A list of names of households indicating "no church preference" supplements the census report. Remarks of those surveyed and number of children at the household was noted on the list. It is unclear whether this census of religion was undertaken only by Christ Church Cathedral, or whether other local churches were involved.

There is a list of Committees and Chairmen from 1949, as well as an Eau Claire County Council Constitution. The Eau Claire Diocese History includes two booklets ranging in dates from 1928-1978 with Diocese History. The diocese contains around 35 churches. There are also two Christ Church of Eau Claire histories, dated 1858 - 1958 and 2008.

Administrative Information

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