Italian Mission Collection (SC207)

Introduction

In 1908, the Central Presbyterian Church of Kansas City established a settlement house to assist Italian immigrants in the community. Commonly known as the Italian Mission, the initiative grew to offer a kindergarten, free health clinic, recreation center, dual-language publications, and a church to the Italian community and other residents living in Kansas City's Northeast neighborhood. This collection includes the operational and financial records of the mission and related projects, as well as personal papers of its long-time leader, Dr. John B. Bisceglia, and his family.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Italian Mission Collection

Dates: 1816-2009 and n.d.

Size: 40.01 linear feet, 51 boxes, 30 bound volumes, 2 oversize folders

Collection Number: SC207

Donor Information

Gift, 2011, Charles Shangler and Marjorie Altenbernd, Northeast Community Center.

Citation Note

Italian Mission Collection (SC207), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional information concerning the Italian community in Kansas City, as well as the Northeast Community Center and Christ Presbyterian Church, can be found by searching the Local History Index at www.kchistory.org and the main Library Catalog at www.kclibrary.org. Several of Dr. John B. Bisceglia's published works are also available through the catalog.

Historical Sketch

The Italian Mission of Kansas City was established in 1908 by members of the Central Presbyterian Church as a settlement house. The first location, known as the Italian Institute and Central Chapel at 505 Forest, offered religious and social welfare programs to the city's small but growing Presbyterian Italian community. Direction of the mission faltered in the early years until minister Dr. John B. Bisceglia was hired in 1918. Bisceglia provided steady leadership for the mission, remaining involved for the rest of his life.

Under Bisceglia, the mission offered such programs as a kindergarten, daycare, summer school, youth clubs and sports, adult English classes, mother's groups, and free health clinics. Funding came from a mixture of church support, private donations, charitable organizations, public fundraising efforts, and revenue from the mission's dual-language publication, *Il Messaggero/The Messenger*.

In 1941, the Italian Mission expanded to include a second location at 544 Wabash, called the Northeast Community Center (NECC). Ten years later, the mission constructed its own church building – Christ Presbyterian Church – adjacent to the NECC. The Italian Institute at 505 Forest closed shortly thereafter.

Operations, leadership, and interests of the NECC and Christ Presbyterian Church closely overlapped during the 1950s and 1960s but began growing apart in the 1970s as neighborhood demographics changed and long-time leaders and supporters of both institutions retired, moved, or passed away. The term "Italian Mission" was gradually phased out. Christ Presbyterian Church closed its doors in the 2000s. The NECC expanded into the church's former space and continues to operate at 544 Wabash.

An Italian immigrant himself, Dr. John (Giovanni) B. Bisceglia spent almost his entire professional career at the Italian Mission, coordinating programs and serving as its spiritual leader. His wife, Isabella, taught Sunday School and music lessons, and played the organ during church services. They had four children: Mary Elizabeth, Kathryn, Francis, and Thomas.

Kathryn Bisceglia worked as a teacher at the mission, and her husband, Charles Shangler, was a lawyer and later a judge for the Jackson County Circuit Court and the Missouri Court of Appeals. After Dr. Bisceglia's death in 1988, Judge Shangler took over leadership of the Northeast Community Center. In 1999, he oversaw the founding of a charter school, Scuola Vita Nuova, on the NECC campus. The school proved successful and moved to a larger facility at 535 Garfield Avenue in 2014. Judge Shangler died in 2016 at the age of 93.

Scope and Content Note

The Italian Mission Collection contains minutes, correspondence, financial records, photographs, building plans, newsletters, and other materials relating to the operation of its three distinct institutions: the Italian Institute and Central Chapel, Christ Presbyterian Church, and the Northeast Community Center. Overlapping administrators, members, activities, and interests made it difficult to separate these entities from each other during processing. Therefore, the collection is broadly arranged by subject and therein by item type, size, and date where possible.

The collection also contains professional and personal papers belonging to Dr. John B. Bisceglia, his wife and children, and son-in-law, Judge Charles Shangler. These materials are housed at the end of the collection.

Series 1: Early operational records and reports, 1908-ca. 1960s and n.d.

This series contains early operational records of the Italian Mission, including its constitution and by-laws, meeting minutes, activity reports, and promotional materials. Items are arranged primarily by type and date.

Series 2: Mission descriptions and histories, 1908-ca. 1990s and n.d.

Materials in this series relate to the history of the Italian Mission, including the Italian Institute and Central Chapel, the Northeast Community Center, and Christ Presbyterian Church. Also included are histories about Kansas City's Central Presbyterian Church, which oversaw the founding and early years of the Italian Mission. Items include books, essays, articles, and office files. The series is arranged by type and date.

Series 3: Membership lists, 1909-1986 and n.d.

This series contains various membership lists of people associated with the Italian Mission. Most of the lists relate to organization's religious services and affiliations, though some administrative and activities lists are also included. A noteworthy item is the membership, marriage, baptism, and death records ledger, dating from 1910 to 1986. A printed name index of this ledger is included. Materials are arranged by type and date.

Series 4: Il Messaggero/The Messenger, 1919-1993 and n.d.

Bound copies of the Italian Mission's dual Italian and English newspaper, *Il Messaggero/The Messenger*, are housed at the beginning of this series. The bound copies are followed by unbound copies, loose pages, and drafts of articles and poems considered for *The Messenger*. Also included are copies of *The Messenger's* forerunner, *The Italo-American Review*, corporation records. The series is arranged by type and date.

Series 5: Christ Presbyterian Church administrative and operational records and materials, 1909-2007 and n.d.

This series consists of materials relating to the religious elements and activities of the Italian Mission. Items at the beginning of the series concern the early operation of the mission by Kansas City's Central Presbyterian Church, but the bulk of the materials focus on the founding and operations of the mission's purpose-built Christ Presbyterian Church. Documents include church bulletins and programs, meeting minutes, reports, religious publications, and sheet music and hymnals. 425 glass slides are also house at the end of this series, along with a projector. The series is arranged by type and date.

Series 6: Northeast Community Center administrative and operational records and materials, ca. 1940s-1994 and n.d.

Items in this series pertain to the operations and activities of the Northeast Community Center at 544 Wabash. Materials consist of the organization's

constitution and by-laws, meeting minutes, reports, correspondence, and documentation regarding day care services, the center's Boy Scouts troop, and children's camps, programs, classes, and building equipment. Items are arranged by subject and date.

Series 7: Scuola Vita Nuova materials and photographs, ca. 2000s-2009 and n.d.

This series contains materials relating to the Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School. Documents include newspaper clippings, programs, information about the school, a yearbook for 2007, and photographs of the school's stained-glass windows and building. Items are arranged by type and date.

Series 8: Correspondence, 1920-1989 and n.d.

This series consists of materials written by and to the primary administrative office of the Italian Mission. Correspondence pertains to general operations, programs, activities, and members of the mission, including the Italian Institute and Central Chapel, the NECC, and Christ Presbyterian Church. Materials are organized by subject or correspondent and date where possible. Also included are letters and notes sent from mission members serving in World War II, notifying Dr. Bisceglia and others of their whereabouts and status.

Series 9: Financial records, 1906-2008 and n.d.

Materials in this series relate to the financial history of the Italian Mission and its various programs. Items include treasurer's books, budgets, reports, statements, correspondence, meeting minutes, and records of the funding and expenditures of the organization. The series is arranged by subject and date.

Series 10: Building descriptions, blueprints, and displays, 1834-2001 and n.d.

This series contains land abstracts, plans, and blueprints for the buildings of the Italian Mission. Also included are drafts of displays depicting the history of the organization. Materials are arranged by size, subject, and date.

Series 11: Photographs and artwork, ca. 1890s-2000s and n.d.

Photographs in this series illustrate buildings, activities, and members of the Italian Mission as well as assorted family and event photographs, negatives, and artwork. Items are arranged by size, subject, and date.

Series 12: John B. Bisceglia, Bisceglia Family, and Charles Shangler papers, 1816-2009 and n.d.

This series consists of personal and professional materials belonging to J. B. Bisceglia, the Bisceglia Family, and Judge Charles Shangler. Items are arranged primarily by type, beginning with materials relating to: Dr. Bisceglia's professional career and interests; his personal interests and activities; correspondence and documents regarding members of his immediate family; and items belonging to his

son-in-law, Charles Shangler. Photographs, oversize items, and a small collection of 19 books are housed at the end of the series. Items are organized by subject, type, and date where possible.

Collection Inventory

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f. 2	Documents from the cornerstone at 505 Forest, 1908 (photocopies)
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f. 4	Manual of the Central Presbyterian Church, February 1917
f. 5	Report of Mission activities, May 1917
f. 6	Central Presbyterian Church and Upper Missouri Presbytery meeting minutes, 1923-1929
f. 7	Teachers Meeting minutes, 1928-1937
f. 8	Central Presbyterian Church session minutes, 1930-1931
f. 9	Central Presbyterian Church annual report, 1932 (2 copies)
f. 10	Council of Social Service Agencies statistical reports, 1934-1946
f. 11	Pan-Presbyterian Laymen's Committee report, 1947
f. 12	Italian Institute and Central Chapel reports, 1942-1949
f. 13	"A Ten Point Program for the Friends of the Italian Mission," n.d.
f. 14	Survey Report on the Italian Institute and Central Chapel and
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f. 16	Promotional brochures, pamphlets, and reports, 1909-ca. 1930s
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Series 2: Mission descriptions and histories, 1908-ca. 1990s and n.d.

Central Presbyterian Church Annual, 1924 (3 copies)
Central Presbyterian Church Annual excerpt, 1924 (photocopies)
The Light Shineth: History of Central Presbyterian Church, 1857-
1957 (2 copies)
The Light Shineth notes, n.d.
"History of Italian Institute and Central Chapel," 1943
"Founding and Growth of the Italian Institute and Central Chapel and
Northeast Community Center," ca. 1947
"Gratitude from the Heart of America," 1951
"Building with God: A Financial Report," ca. 1953
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"Northeast Community Center," ca. 1954
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f. 85	The Messenger, 1979-1981
f. 86	<i>The Messenger</i> , 1948, 1958, 1975
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f. 88	<i>The Messenger</i> , 1947, 1949, 1955-1956
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f. 95	Outlines and plans for final issue of <i>The Messenger</i> , 1989
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f. 113	Organization of the Presbytery Commission outline, 1978
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f. 123	Assorted church programs and bulletins, 1928-1974, 2007, and n.d.
f. 124	"Religious Work Among Italians in America," 1917
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f. 129	The Book of Church Order, 1963 and 1969
f. 130	Proposed Plan of Union between the Reformed Church in American
	and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., June 1968
f. 131	News from Italy: Praise and Prayer, 1988 and 1989
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