

Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology Special and Unique Collections
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Creator: Monsignor Michael Olden

Title: Monsignor Michael Olden Collection

Language of materials: Awaiting appraisal

Collection summary: The Monsignor Michael Olden Collection consists of 3,000 physical books.

Biographical note: Monsignor Michael G. Olden BA, BD, DHistEccl. (1935 - 2021) was an Irish priest, historian and educator who served as President of Maynooth College from 1977 to 1985 and hosted the visit of Pope John Paul II to the College in 1979.

Born in Cappoquin in 1935 in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Waterford and Lismore and educated at Mount Melleray Abbey College, University College Cork and Maynooth where he was ordained in June 1960. He undertook postgraduate studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in ecclesiastical history and in Oct 1966 was appointed to the staff of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

He served as Vice-President from 1976–77 and then when Tomas O'Fiach was made Archbishop of Armagh, Michael Olden assumed the duties of president until 1985.

In that time he served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the National University of Ireland. During his tenure as president of Maynooth he oversaw the fundraising and planning for the building of the new library.

As a historian, Dr. Olden contributed too many academic publications such as *Archivium Hibernicum*. Monsignor Olden returned to the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore to serve in parish ministry, first as PP of Clonmel and then as Parish Priest of Tramore. He also served as Vicar General under Bishop William Lee.

Monsignor Michael Olden served on the Governing body at Waterford Institute of Technology for two terms from 1995 until 2005.

Collection description: 3,000 ecclesiastical and historical books.

Status: The collection has not been catalogued.

Digitized copies: Digital copies of collection material are not available online. For information about obtaining digital copies, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

Access restrictions: Materials in the collection may be subject to privacy restrictions. Requests to use the material must be made in advance of a research visit, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

Custodial history: The collection was the personal library belonging to the late Monsignor Michael Olden.

Acquisition note: The personal library was bequeathed to Waterford Institute of Technology upon his death in 2021.

Physical Location of the collection: Luke Wadding Library, Processing Room LB.44