

PAPAL COMMISSION ON
POPULATION AND BIRTH
CONTROL FONDS
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PART I - FONDS LEVEL DESCRIPTION



PAPAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND BIRTH CONTROL FONDS

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Papal Commission on Population and Birth Control met in Rome from 1963 to 1966. The Commission was initially convened by Pope John XXIII and continued by Pope Paul VI after Pope John's death in 1963. Originally, six members were appointed to the Commission and the group was later expanded into a two-part seventy-nine member commission comprised of sixty-four lay persons (i.e. people who are not bishops, priests, or deacons in the Church) and fifteen clerics. The mission of the Commission was to determine how the Church could change its position on birth control, due to rapid population growth, without undermining papal authority.

After three years of deliberation, the Commission concluded that it was not possible to make this change without undermining papal authority, but that the Church should change their position on contraception and birth control. The lay members voted 60 to 4 for change, and the clerics, 9 to 6 for change. Chairman of the Commission, Rev. Henri de

Riedmatten, produced a final report, often referred to as the *Majority Report*, that reflected this call for change.

Despite the overwhelming vote of the members of the Commission, Pope Paul refused to alter the Vatican's stance on birth control citing that to do so would fundamentally undermine papal infallibility and, in 1968, wrote the "Humanae Vitae" encyclical which emphasized the continuation of the Vatican's opposition to contraception.

HISTORY OF THE PAPAL COMMISSION FONDS

The materials are believed to have been donated to by Dr. Laurent Potvin and his wife Mrs. Colette Potvin who were lay members of the Commission. The exact date of receipt is unknown, but it is believed to have occurred sometime between 1990 and 2000. There is no formal record of donation or gift.

EXTENT OF FONDS

38 cm of textual records

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF FONDS

Fonds consists of materials accumulated by Dr. Laurent and Mrs. Colette Potvin involving the Papal Commission on Population and Birth Control. The records predominantly cover the time period 1964 to 1966. The records consist of preliminary papers and drafts, research and reference material, studies and reports pertaining to the Commission that were sent to the Potvins, correspondence with Commission members and representatives of the Church, as well as reports presented by and to members during Commission sessions.

The fonds is composed of three series:

1. Correspondence
2. Research and reference material
3. Session reports and presentations

NOTE ON ARRANGEMENT OF MATERIALS

The organization of series one and two within the Papal Commission fonds is an artificial creation by the archives assistant, as the Potvins did not seem to have any sort of consistent system of organizing or preserving these series. As such, all assumptions of dates of creation, authorship or context, as well as errors, are to be attributed to the archivist.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

The materials are believed to have been donated to by Dr. Laurent Potvin and his wife Mrs. Colette Potvin.

No further accruals are expected.

PART II - SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1.0. CORRESPONDENCE

Date range: 1964-1966

Physical Extent: 4.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content:

Series consists of Laurent and Colette Potvins' correspondence with members and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and Papal Commission on Birth Control before and during the Commission's meeting in the summer of 1966. Correspondence includes letters from Church representatives nominating and appointing the Potvins to the Commission; letters regarding background information about the Commission, its structure, composition and sub-sessions; and the drafting and production of reports for the Commission.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the series.

Files arranged chronologically by archivist

Most material in series is in French. Some material in English.

Location: Files 2011 01 01 – 2011 01 07 Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 01

Title: Correspondence and reports from Sergio Pignedoli

Date range: December 29, 1964

Physical extent: 2 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of reports sent to the Potvins by Sergio Pignedoli on behalf of Father Père de Riedmatten shortly after they were nominated to the Commission. The reports outline the previous Papal Commission meetings by the Study Group on Population as organized by the Holy See.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 01 Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 02

Title: Correspondence and report from Andre E. Hellegers to members of the Commission.

Date range: May 14, 1965

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of correspondence and an attached report regarding the 4th session of the Papal Commission held March 25-28, 1965 in Rome. The letter is addressed to the English speaking members of the Commission and was sent from the Cardinal Gibbons Center.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 02 Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 03

Title: Correspondence and report from Andre E. Hellegers

Date range: July 13, 1965

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of correspondence and an attached French version of the report regarding the 4th session of the Commission held March 25-28, 1965 in Rome.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

See 2011 01 02 for English version of report.

Location: File 2011 01 03 Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 04

Title: Correspondence and reports from Fr. de Riedmatten

Date range: July 15, 1965

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of a letter and attached reports sent to the Potvins by Father Père de Riedmatten. The report is on the Pontifical Commission On The Population, Family and Birth Rate Working Group's June 1965 session.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 04 Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 05

Title: Correspondence and reports from Fr. de Riedmatten to members of the Commission.

Date range: September 14, 1965.

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of a letter and attached report sent to members of the Commission by Father Père de Riedmatten. The report is on the June 1965 session of the Commission.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 05 Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 06

Title: Principalement échange de lettres, circulaires du Père H. de Riedmatten aux membres de la Commission

Date range: 1964-1966

Physical extent: 2 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of an exchange of letters and memoranda sent by Father Père H. de Riedmatten to members of the Commission

Notes:

Most material in file is in French.

Location: File 2011 01 06

Box 1

SERIES 1.0. FILE 2011 01 07

Title: Correspondence and petition from Paul T. Harris

Date range: 1966

Physical extent: 0.2 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of a letter, press release and petition sent by from Paul T. Harris to the Potvins. The petition, signed by 150 English-speaking Canadian Catholic professionals, asks for change regarding the Church's stance on birth control. The press release, addressed to the Western Catholic Reporter, is regarding this petition.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 07

Box 1

SERIES 2.0. RESEARCH AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

Date range: 1964-1985, predominant 1964-1966.

Physical Extent: 12 cm of textual records

Scope and Content:

Series consists of notes, reports, essays, pamphlets, articles and clippings created and accumulated by the Potvins in the course of their research surrounding birth control and the Papal Commission on Birth Control. Some material was mailed to the Potvins by birth control and contraception specialists. It is unknown if the material was sent to all members of the Commission, if these reports were requested by the Potvins in preparation for their participating in the Commission, or if the material was collected for their general research.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the series.

Most material in series is in French. Some material in English.

Location: Files 2011 01 08 – 2011 01 22 Boxes 1 - 2

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 08

Title: Colette Potvin: Travail = Colette Potvin: Work

Date range: 1965 - 1966

Physical extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of process work and drafts created by Colette Potvin between 1965 and 1966. Records include typescripts and drafts of the essay “ce que je souhaite et ce que j’espère” as well as typescripts, drafts, handwritten notes and correspondence relating to other Potvin reports and essays.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 08 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 09

Title: SERENA, documents and addresses

Date range: 1966-1967

Physical extent: 0.1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of reports, clippings and pamphlets, presumably accumulated by the Potvin's, relating to the birth regulatory service, Service de Régulation des Naissances (SERENA).

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 09 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 10

Title: Matériel du Dr. John Marshall = Material from Dr. John Marshall

Date range: 1965-1964

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of publications, fliers, pamphlets and reference material by, and relating to, Dr. John Marshall and accumulated by the Potvins.

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 10 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 11

Title: Sypto-Thematic Rhythm: a clinical approach to the theoretical efficiency of Rhythm Birth Control / Dr. Calude A. Lancot

Date range: February, 1965

Physical extent: 0.1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of a preliminary draft of the unpublished report "Sypto-Thematic Rhythm: A clinical approach to the theoretical efficiency of Rhythm Birth Control" created February 1965. The report was authored by Dr. Claude A. Lancot and sent to the Potvins via post by Lancot.

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 11 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 12

Title: Articles de Journaux = Newspapers articles

Date range: 1966-1967

Physical extent: 0.3 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of copies of journal articles, press clippings and publications accumulated by the Potvins between 1966 and 1967 on the topic of birth and population control.

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 12 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 13

Title: Rapport d'enquête des Foyers Notre-Dame Canadiens: Présenté au Congrès Canadien de la famille / Alexandra and René Robitaille

Date range: April 15, 1964

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of the report "Rapport d'enquête des Foyers Notre-Dame Canadiens. Présenté au Congrès Canadien de la famille" by Alexandra and René Robitaille and accumulated by the Potvins. It is unknown if the report was accumulated for their own personal research, in preparation for the Papal Commission, or sent to all members of the Commission.

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 13 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 14

Title: The Long Road to Birth Control / Robert Blair Kaiser. National Catholic Reporter (1985, May 3)

Date range: May 3, 1985

Physical extent: 0.2 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of a press clipping of "The Long Road to Birth Control" by Robert Blair Kaiser, published in the National Catholic Reporter (1985, May 3).

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 14 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 15

Title: Problems of Marriage / Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Daly.

Date range: March 21, 1965

Physical extent: 0.1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of the unpublished report "Problems of Marriage" by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Daly. The report was sent from Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Daly and addressed to Dr. and Madame Potvin. The report is dated February 15, 1965. A note, written on Canadian Catholic Conference: Information Services letterhead, is attached to the report.

Notes:

Location: File 2011 01 15 Box 1

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 16

Title: Reports and Handouts from Rev. Père H. Marcoux

Date range: 1964

Physical extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of reports and handouts sent by Rev. Père H. Marcoux in 1964 and accumulated by the Potvins.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: **File 2011 01 16** **Box 1**

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 17

Title: **Survey of Contraceptive Methods: Report to the Papal Commission on Population and Birth Control / Andre E. Hellegers**

Date range: **ca. 1965**

Physical extent: **1 cm of textual records**

Scope and content:

File consists of two preliminary unpublished drafts of "Survey of Contraceptive Methods: Report to the Papal Commission on Population and Birth Control" by Andre E. Hellegers, M.D. Dr. Hellegers was part of the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, The John Hopkins University School of Medicine and Hospital and the Cardinal Gibbons Center for the Study of Human Reproduction, Baltimore, Maryland. It is unknown if the report was accumulated for their own personal research, in preparation for the Papal Commission, or sent to all members of the Commission.

Notes:

Location: **File 2011 01 17** **Box 1**

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 18

Title: **La Régulation des Naissances: Le point de vue moral / Pierre Montaigne**

Date range: **ca. 1965**

Physical extent: **0.2 cm of textual records**

Scope and content:

File consists of a copy of the unpublished report "La Regulation des Naissances: Le point de vue moral" by Pierre Montaigne. It is unknown if the report was accumulated for their own personal research, in preparation for the Papal Commission, or sent to all members of the Commission.

Notes:

Location: **File 2011 01 18** **Box 1**

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 19

Title: **Morale, Chanoine Pierre de Locht = Morality, Chanoine Pierre de Locht**

Date range: **1964**

Physical extent: **0.5 cm of textual records**

Scope and content:

File consists of a copy of the unpublished report "Faut-Il Modifier la Morale Conjugale?" by Chanoine Pierre de Locht. The report is inscribed, presumably, by either Colette or Laurent Potvin.

Notes:

Originally housed in the same file folder as 2011 21 20

Location: **File 2011 01 19** **Box 2**

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 20

Title: **Publications and other material**

Date range: **1964-1966**

Physical extent: **1 cm of textual records**

Scope and content:

File consists of publications, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and journal articles accumulated by the Potvin's, relating to the topic of population and birth control.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: **File 2011 01 20** **Box 2**

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 21

Title: Journals and pamphlets

Date range: 1962-1966

Physical extent: 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of journals and pamphlets accumulated by the Potvin's, relating to the topic of population and birth control. Journals include the publication "Perspectives" and an edition from "The Journal of the American Medical Association". A pamphlet titled "Not a way out, but a way forward" by John Julian and Mary Perkins Ryan is also included.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 21 Box 2

SERIES 2.0. FILE 2011 01 22

Title: Reports and publications

Date range: 1962-1966

Physical extent: 1.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of unpublished reports and journal articles relating to the topic of population and birth control. File includes journal excerpt from the Flemish magazine "De Maand".

Notes:

Title based on contents of the file.

Location: File 2011 01 22 Box 2

SERIES 3.0. SESSION REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Date range: 1965-1966

Physical Extent: 23.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content:

Series consists of documents and reports presented to the members of the Papal Commission during the 1966 meeting of the commission. The 1966 meeting was divided into eight sessions:

- 1.) A – Session Theologique I (April 13 – 28, 1966),
- 2.) B – Session Theologique – Medicale (May 2-6, 1966),
- 3.) C – Session Demographique I (May 4 -7, 1966)
- 4.) D - Session Pastorale (+rhythme) (May 9-14, 1966)
- 5.) E - Session Theologique II (May 23 – 28, 1966)
- 6.) F - Session Demographique II (June 1-4, 1966)
- 7.) G - Session Pleniere (June 5-8, 1966)
- 8.) Session des Membres: cardinaux, eveques et prêtres (June 20-25, 1966).

Also included are documents and reports created and presented by the members of the Papal Commission.

Files within the series are organized based on session and presentation order within the session.

Notes:

Title based on contents of the series.

Some material in series written in French, Latin, Italian and German.

Location: Files 2011 01 23 – 2011 01 29 Boxes 2 – 3

SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 23

Title: Indices et clef des dossiers = Indices and key files

Date range: 1966

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

File consists of indices and key file lists that outline the Papal Commission session groupings, presenters and participants. The indices also lists the reports presented at each session.

File is composed of the following items:

"Clef des dossiers". 1966. A listing of key documents and reports produced by and for the Commission. Inscribed
"Indices". 1966. Indices for documents and reports produced by and for the Commission.

Notes: Numbering

Location: File 2011 01 23

Box 2

SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 24

Title: B. Session theologique-medicale = B. Theological-medical session

Date range : May 2, 1966 – May 6, 1966

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records.

Scope and content:

File consists of reports and papers presented during the Theological - Medical Session (B), of the Papal Commission, held May 2-6, 1966.

File is composed of the following items:

Item #	Description
B1	"Introduction du Secrétaire général aux documents constituent le rapport de la session commune des professeurs de médecine et des théologiens". May 2-8, 1966.
B2	"Brève Traccia Della Dottrina Morale Sulla Sterilizzazione". May 3, 1966. By Padre Giacomo Perico S. J.
B3	"La Stérilisation". 1966. By Prof. Marcel Gaudefroy.
B4	"The Right of man to intervene...Theological presentation". 1966. By Josef Fuchs S. J.
B5	"The Principles Governing Medial Interventions". 1966. By Prof. J. Ferin.
B6	"Implicazioni morali degli interventi nelle diverse fasi dell'evoluzione della vita". 1966. By J. Visser.
B7	"Summary of the Paper of Professor Thibaut by professor Hellegers. 1966. By Prof. Andre E. Hellegers, M.D.
B9	"Report of the Medical Session". May 2, 1966
B11	"Commentaires du Prof. J. Ferin". May 7, 1966.
B11-01	"Notes on Commentaires du Prof. J. Ferin". May 7, 1966

B12 "Remarques générales et rapport (médecins - théologiens)". 1966. By G. R. Anciaux.

Notes:

All session reports are numbered using the original alpha-numeric standard [session letter/sequential number]. Example: B3 La Stérilisation. Reference file 2011 01 23, "Indices and key files", for a listing of session reports using the noted alpha-numeric designation.

Location: File 2011 01 24 Box 2

SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 25

Title: C & F. Session Démographique I et II = C & F. Demographic Session I and II

Date range: May 4, 1966 – June 4, 1966.

Physical extent: 1.5 cm of textual records.

Scope and content:

File consists of reports and papers presented during the Population Sessions (C and F), of the Papal Commission. Population Session (C) was the first session and was held May 4-7, 1966. The second session (F), was held June 1-4, 1966.

File is composed of the following items:

Item #	Description
C-F	"Index Analytique Démographique".
C-F	"Index Analytique Démographique"
F	"Table of Contents: Demographic Section". June 1-4, 1966.
F1	"Introduction du secrétaire general au rapport de la seconde session de démographie". June, 1966.
F2	"Work of the Demographic Section - a more technical report". June, 1966. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
F3	"Relation on the discussion of the Demographic Section". June, 1966.
F4	"Programme de la session démographique". June 1966.
F5	"The three basic demographic questions". June 1, 1966. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
F6	"Section Démographique". June 1, 1966. By Mgr. Jean Margeot. Margeot's response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett (F5)
F7	"Réponses aux 3 questions". June 3, 1966. By Prof. Francesco Vito. Vito's response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett (F5)

- F8 “The socio-economic and demographic situation of Japan today and the answers to the questions drawn by the Secretariate of the Commission”. June, 1966. By Fr. John Sasaki. Sasaki’s response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett (F5).
- F9 “Sur le questions 1, 2, 3”. June 4, 1966. By Fr. L.J. Lebret. Lebret’s response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett.
- F10 “Reponses aux questions de la session du 1er juin”. June, 1966. By Prof. Armand Mattelart. Mattelart’s response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett (F5).
- F11 “Answers to the 3 questions posed for discussion on [sic] May 31”. By Dr. Thomas K. Burch. Burch’s response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett (F5)
- F12 “A short statment focussing on the Three Questions presented by the Demographic Section”. June 1966. By Dr. Anthony.E. Feanny et. al. A response to the three basic demographic questions posed by Barrett (F5)
- F13 “Answer to questions of demographic group members”. June 3, 1966. By Dr. Andre E. Hellegers
- F14 “Réflexions sur le sujet ‘Travail de l’Église’”. June 4, 1966. By Fr. L.J. Lebret.
- F15 “Responses on Situation in Distant Lands”. [June 4, 1966?]. By. Prof. Concepcion et al.
- F16 “Intervention”. June 2-4, 1966. By C. J. Ryan.
- F17 “A propos du concept de Sécularisation”. June, 1966. By Prof. Armand Mattelart.
- F18 “Special questions submitted for response by Theologians”. June, 1966.
- F19 “Reponses aux questions poses a la section demographique”. By Pierre de Loch et al. June 1, 1966. Responses from members of the Demography section to the questions submitted for response by Theologians (F18).
- F20 “Answers to questions discussed June 1 to 4 in Demography Section”. June, 1966. By Fr. John C. Ford..
- F21 “Reports on clinical experiments to ascertain the practicality of thermal method”. June, 1966. By Dr. Anthony.E. Feanny
- F22 [inscribed] “Reponse a la question: ‘que pensez - vous sur la présentation dans vos milieux des notions suivantes: parente responsable, amour conjugal, sexualité dans le mariage, et contraception.’”

Notes:

All session reports are numbered using original the alpha-numeric standard [session letter/sequential number]. Example: B3 La Stérilisation. Reference file 2011 01 23, “Indices and key files”, for a listing of session reports using the noted alpha-numeric designation.

Location: File 2011 01 25

Box 2

SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 26

Title: D. Session pastorale (=Rhythmus) = D. Pastoral Session (=Rhythmus).

Date range: May 9 - 14, 1966.

Physical extent: 4.5 cm of textual records.

Scope and content:

File consists of reports and papers presented during the Pastoral Session (D), of the Papal Commission, held May 9-14, 1966.

File is composed of the following items:

Item #	Description
D	“Review of all the days spent by the Commission in discussion of Rythm”, 1966. Table of Contents.
D	“Programme for the Pastoral Session”. May 9-14, 1966.
D	“Report of the meeting of the Pastoral section”. May 9-14, 1966.
D	“The Work of Commission Experts on Rythm: A Precis”. [May 1966]. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
D	“Logical and Demographic Reflections on the Report of the Secretary General”. May 10 [1966]. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
D1	“Introduction du secretaire general au Rapport des travaux de la session dite de ‘pastorale’”. May 9-14, 1966.
D2	“Sensus fidelium”. [May, 1966]. By Prof. Don Tullo Goffi.
D2	“Il Senso Dei Fedeli”. [May, 1966]. By Prof. Don Tullo Goffi.
D3	“‘Sensus communis ecclesiae’ et contraception”. May 9, 1966. By Prof. Chanoine Philippe Delhaye. 2 copies
D4	“Responses des laics a la premiere senace de la session pastorle”. [May 1966?].
D5	“Psychologie de l'acte sexuel et de l' abstinence”. May 11, 1966. By Dr. J. R. Bertolus. 3 copies; copy one and three inscribed.
D6	“Reponses du Dr. Bertolus aux interventions sur son expose”. [May 1966].
D7	“The Psychological Response of Individuals to specific methods of birth control”. [May, 1966]. By John R. Cavanagh, M.D. 3 copies
D8	“Catholic Marriage and Birth Control. A Survey on Attitudes and Experiences of 283 Married Catholics in the U.S.” October, 1965. By Dr. Jean Anderson and Dr. and Mrs. Sidney I. Firstman. Paper acted as a suppliment to Cavanagh’s paper.
D9	“Declarations of the Four Lady Members: on the feminine view of love and periodic continence”. [May, 1966]. By Dr. D. Kulanday.
D10	“A woman’s viewpoint.” [1966]. By Patty Crowley.

- D10 "A woman's viewpoint." [1966]. By Patty Crowley. Copy of original paper that was presented to the Commission.
- D11 Paper by C. Potvin presented to the Commission. [May 1966]. By Colette Potvin. A copy of a handwritten letter address to C. Potvin, dated April 15, 1966, is attached to the paper
- D12 "Conduite pastorales selon les diverses options a propos des methodes". [May 1966]. By R. Pere de Lestapis. 2 copies; both inscribed.
- D14 "Conduites pastorales". May 13, 1966. By Chanoine Pierre de Loch. Inscribed
- D15 "Pastorale Uberlegungen zum Problem der Empfangnisregelung aus der Sicht der bisherigen Arbeit unserer Kommissionen". May 13, 1966. Inscribed.
- D15 "Pastorale Uberlegungen zum Problem der Empfangnisregelung aus der Sicht der bisherigen Arbeit unserer Kommissionen". May 13, 1966. Inscribed.
- D19 "Responces to the Three Questions Posed at the End of the Pastoral Week: Twenty-nine experts of the Commission responded to three questions posed by Psg. Dupuy on Friday afternoon". May 13, 1966.
- D36 "Observations de quelques theologiens sur l' ensemble de session". May, 1966.
- D38 "Presentation regarding Rythm". May 10, 1966. By Prof. Donald H.
- D38 "Does Rythm work for Catholics?" May, 1966. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett. Study was created to go along with presentation. It is a six part paper that includes:
 A - Introduction and Findings.
 B - Responces from Rhythm Questionnaire - United States
 C - Responces from Rhythm Questionnaire - Canada
 D - Responces from Rhythm Questionnaire - Countries outside North and South America
 E - Responces from Rhythm Questionnaire - Latin America
 F - Some comments made by couples on the survey question: what should the church say on the subject?
- D39 "Bishop Reuss' Report on Doctors' Replies to a Rythm Inquiry". [1966].
- D40 "Reports on the Efficiency of Rhythm". [1966?]. By Elisabeth Rendu. Inscribed.
- D40 "Reports on the Efficiency of Rhythm". [1966?]. By Elisabeth Rendu. Inscribed.
- D41 "Presentation regarding Rythm". May 10, 1966. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett. Outline of presentation
- D41 "The Experience of Rythms by Christian Family movement couples in 13 countries". May 10, 1966. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett. Presentation hand-out.
- D41 "Survey Report". April, 1966. By Pat and Patty Crowley. A survey that went along with Barrett's presentation on Rythm.
- D42 "Inquiry of 319 Couple by Dr. and Mrs. Potvin - Canada - A summary". May, 1966. By Dr. Laurent Potvin and Mrs. Collette Potvin
- D43 "The Logistics of the Regulation of Births". May, 1966. Dr. John Marshall.

- D44 "Evaluation of Various Studies on periodic continence". May, 1966. By Prof. Andre E. Hellegers, M.D.
- D45 "Place et Valeur d'une regulation de la fecondite, basee sur le rythme feminin, dans la vie de couple: utilisation du test thermique". 1966.
- D46 "Rapport de l'enquête menée auprès de 319 couples par le Dr. et lime Laurent Potvin". May, 1966. By Dr. Laurent Potvin and Collette Potvin.
- D46 "Questionnaire: a répondre par le couple". May, 1966. By Dr. Laurent Potvin and Collette Potvin. A questionnaire that was part of their presentation Rapport de l'enquete menee aupres de 319 couples par le Dr et lime Laurent Potvin
- D46 "Reflexions et commentaires en marge de notre enquete. May 1966". By Dr. Laurent Potvin and Collette Potvin. A paper that was part of their presentation Rapport de l'enquete menee aupres de 319 couples par le Dr et lime Laurent Potvin
- D47 "Schema pour un essai sur les Conduites pasterales". May 15, 1966. By Dr. Laurent Potvin and Collette Potvin. A paper that was part of their presentation Rapport de l'enquete menee aupres de 319 couples par le Dr et lime Laurent Potvin
- D48 "Suggestions en vue d'un expose pastoral". May, 1966. By Dr. Laurent Potvin and Collette Potvin.

Notes:

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Item D48 was originally numbered as "D" and not given a sequential number.

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SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 27

Title: G. Session pleniere = G. Plenary Session

Date range: June 5-8, 1966

Physical extent: 1 cm of textual records.

Scope and content:

File consists of reports and papers presented during the Plenary Session (G), of the Papal Commission held June 5-8, 1966.

File is composed of the following items:

Item #	Description
G	"Table of Contents: plenary session of all the experts". June 6 - 8, 1966.
G1	"Introduction du secrétaire général au rapport de la session plénière des experts". 1966.
G2	"Relation du secrétaire général a la session plénière des experts". 1966.
G3	"Expose du P. Fuchs". June 6, 1966. By R. P. Fuchs.
G4	"Summary presentation of traditional position". 1966. By Fr. John C. Ford.
G5	"Introduzione riassuntiva dei problemi trattati nella sessione medico-morale". June 6, 1966. By Padre Giacomo Perico S. J.
G6	"Summary of medical discussions of the Commission: presented for the opening meeting of the General Session of the Commission". June 1966.
G7	"Presentation of the work of the demographic section". June 1-4, 1966. Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
G8	"Les implications morales des problèmes démographiques". 1966. By R. Sigmond.
G9	"L'aspect psychologique de travail". 1966. By Dr. J. R. Bertolus.
G10	"Psychologie et theologie". June 6, 1966. By Anciaux.
G11	"Response of the lay members to the question 'what do you expect of the church?'" 1966. By Manuel Diegues Jr.
G12	"Replies of the Lay Members to the three questions (excluding the Theologians)". June 7, 1966.
G13	"Suggestions pastorales dans l'hypothèse du statu quo doctrinal de l'Église sur la contraception". June 7, 1966. By R. Père de Lestapis.
G14	"Conséquences et requetes pastorales, dans l'hypothese du 'statu quo'". June 7, 1966. By Pierre de Locht.
G15	"Report on the pastoral session". June 7, 1966.
G16	"Suggestions pastorales dans l'hypothèse ou la contraception n'est plus immorale en soi". June 8, 1966. By R. Père de Lestapis.
G17	"Conséquences et requêtes pastorales, dans l'hypothèse d'une continuité évolutive". June 8, 1966. By Pierre de Locht.
G18	"Report of the Pastoral Session June 8th". June 8, 1966.
G19	"Introduction du secrétaire général sur le vote des théologiens". June 1966.

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SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 28

Title: Session des membres: cardinaux, évêques et prêtres = Members sessions: cardinals, bishops and priests

Date range: June 20-25, 1966

Physical extent: 2 cm of textual records.

Scope and content:

File consists thirty-nine papers and presentations relating to the Members Session of the Commission which featured cardinals, bishops and priests. The session was held June 20-25, 1966.

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Box 3

SERIES 3.0. FILE 2011 01 29

Title: Documents and reports presented by the members of the group or the session. 1965

Date range: 1965

Physical extent: 12 cm of textual records.

Scope and content:

File consists of reports and documents presented by members of the Commission to group session and members' meetings.

File is composed of the following items:

Item #	Description
1	"Documents and reports presented by the members of the group or the session." 1965. Table of contents.
2	"Valeurs spécifiques du Mariage". 1965. By Prof. A. Auer
3	"Réflexions sur le 'Projets d'un Cadre general de Recherche'". 1965. By Prof. A. Auer
4	"Perspectives on Population and Birth Control". 1965. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
4b	"Sociologie Prospectif des pays avec des vitesse de croissance rapides". 1965. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
5	"Some Catholic perspectives on fertility regulation and socio-economic development". 1965. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
6	"The urgency of the present task". January 21, 1965. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
7	"Some notes on social structure and responsible parenthood". March 15, 1965. By Thomas K. Burch.
8	"Personality development and sexual maturity". 1965. By John R. Cavanagh, M.D.
9	"Answer to Prof. Marshall's questions". 1965. By John R. Cavanagh, M.D.
10	"Answer to Rev. Mertens' questions". 1965. By John R. Cavanagh, M.D.

- 11 “The first stages of economic growth”. 1965. By Prof. Colin Clark
- 13 “Note: Monsieur et Madame Patrick Crowley”. 1965. Chicago (two copies)
- 14 “Population & Birth Control: Theme III (Love & Fertility)”. 1965. CANA Conference of Chicago. A compilation of essays from the CANA Conference of Chicago, 1965. Includes: Statement of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick F. Crowley made to the Committee on the study of problems of population and birth control, working under the supervision of the supreme sacred congregation of the holy office, 1965, by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick F. Crowley; photocopy of Statement of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick F. Crowley made to the Committee on the study of problems of population and birth control, working under the supervision of the supreme sacred congregation of the holy office, 1965, by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick F. Crowley; “Four Couples Discuss Responsible parenthood”, September 1963-June, 1964, by Maurice and Therese Egan, Jim and Patricia Graham, Clay and Rita Kingsbury, Dick and Olive Mullins, and Rev. John T. Kelly of the Christian Family Movement; working material from case study.
- 15 “Perspectives Démographiques Jusqu'à l'an 2000”. February 1965. By Bernardo Colombo.
- 16 “Demographic situation in selected countries of South-East and maritime East Asia*”. 1965.
- 17 “Suggestions a propos du problème de la régulation des naissances”. 1965. By Prof. Chanoine Philippe Delhaye.
- 18 “Rapports sur la valeur normative des documents pontificaux”. 1965. By Prof. Chanoine Philippe Delhaye. (2 copies)
- 19 “Observations du Chanoine Philippe Delhaye sur le “Projet d'un cadre général de recherche”. 1965. By Prof. Chanoine Philippe Delhaye.
- 20 “Étude sur la population et le problème des naissances en afrique”. 1965. Michel Dembele.
- 21 “Contraceptive practices among catholics in Latin America: Latin America Demographic Centre”. 1965. By Manuel Diegues Jr.
- 21 “Considérations sur le problème de la natalité”. 1965. By Manuel Diegues Jr.
- 22 “Problème sociaux des pays en expansion démographique et croissance économique: les cas du Brésil”. 1965. By Manuel Diegues Jr.
- 23 “Fertility rate of Jamaica and problems resulting”. 1965. By Dr. Anthony.E. Feanny.
- 24 “Notes sur quelques particularités biologiques de la reproduction humaine”. 1965. By Prof. J. Ferin
- 25 “Réponse au projet du Cadre General”. 1965. By Fr. John C. Ford.
- 26 “Parties 2 et 3 d'un travail du R. P. Ford communique a la Commission lors de sa 3eme session par l'Autorite”. 1965. By Fr. John C. Ford.
- 27 “Déclarations du magistère ecclésiastique visant au jugement moral de la régulation des naissances (abusus matrimonii) et leur réception par la théologie morale”. 1965. By Josef Fuchs S.J.
- 28 “Réponse au projet de cadre général”. 1965. By Josef Fuchs S.J.

- 30 “Réponse au questionnaire du R.P. Mertens”. 1965. By Prof. Marcel Gaudefroy.
- 31 “Réponse au questionnaire du John Marshall”. 1965. By Prof. Marcel Gaudefroy.
- 32 “Observations sur la fin du Mariage (du point de vue de sa fin procréative)”.
1965. By Prof. Don Tullo Goffi
- 33 “La vocation spécifique du mariage”. 1965. By Prof. Don Tullo Goffi
- 36 “Report One. Survey of contraceptive methods. Report to the Papal
Commission on Population and Birth Control”. 1965. By Andre E. Hellegers,
M.D.
- 36 “Report Two. Some observations on the use of family planning by Catholics in
the Netherlands, the United States and Great Britain. Report to the Papal
Commission on Population and Birth Control”. 1965. By Andre E. Hellegers,
M.D.
- 38 “Answers to Prof. Marshall’s Questions”. 1965. By Dr. D. Kulanday.
- 39 “Answers to Rev. Fr. Mertens Note”. 1965. By Dr. D. Kulanday.
- 40 “Comments on Dr. J. R. Bertolus Note”. 1965. By Dr. D. Kulanday.
- 42 “A propos du mariage et de la régulation des naissances”. 1965. Pere
Labourdette, O.P.
- 43 “Quelques remarques sur le projet d’un cadre de recherche”. 1965. Pere
Labourdette, O.P.
- 44 “Observationes circa fines matrimonii”. 1965. By Ferdinando Lambruschini.
- 45 “Réponse au projet de cadre général”. 1965. By Ferdinando Lambruschini.
- 46 “Contribution aux travaux du groupe d’études spécial sur la population et la
régulation des naissances”. 1965. By Fr. L.J. Lebret.
- 47 “Exercice de la sexualité génitale dans le Mariage”. 1965. By R. Père de Lestapis
- 48 “Dessein de dieu sur la condition conjugale et le peuplement du genre humain”.
January 23, 1965. Paris. By R. Père de Lestapis
- 50 “Réponse au projet de cadre général”. 1965. By R. Père de Lestapis. Inscribed.
- 51 “Consentir a la condition humaine”. 1965. By Pierre de Locht. Inscribed
“sexualité”.
- 52 “Les fins du mariage. March 1, 1965”. By Pierre de Locht. Inscribed “mariage”.
- 53 “Action dans L’immédiat”. March 1, 1965. By Pierre de Locht. Inscribed “action
pastorale”
- 55 “Resume de l’expose de la section psychologie du prof. Lopez-Ibor”. 1965. By
Lopez-Ibor.
- 56 “Réponse du prof. Lopez Ibor au questionnaire Mertens”. 1965. By Lopez-Ibor.

- 58 “Problème démographique en Amérique Latine”. 1965. By Prof. Armand
Mattelart.
- 59 “Note”. January 1965. By Prof. A. G. M. van Melsen. (English)
- 59 “Note”. January 1965. By Prof. A. G. M. van Melsen. (French)
- 61 “Réponse au projet de Cadre”. 1965. By Prof. A. G. M. van Melsen.
- 62 “Croissance démographique, main-d’oeuvre, capital, agriculture, industrialisation
et éducation de base”. February 23, 1965. By Jacques Mertens de Wilmars
- 63 “Réponse au questionnaire du Docteur John Marshall”. 1965. By Dr. Henri
Moins
- 64 “Note sur le problème démographique en Tunisie et les solutions possibles”.
December 1964. By Dr. Henri Moins
- 65 “Opinion sur l’usage des pilules contraceptives”. December 1964. By Dr. P. Y.
Moriguchi.
- 66 “Réponses du professeur Moriguchi aux questions Bertolus”. 1965. By Dr. P. Y.
Moriguchi.
- 67 “Presentation generale du cas par le professeur Moriguchi”. 1965. By Dr. P. Y.
Moriguchi. Inscribed.
- 68 “The process by which the position of the Church on contraception has been
shaped”. March 1, 1965. By John T. Noonan, Jr. 2 copies
- 69 “Tentativo di sintesi dei fini del matrimonio”. 1965. By Padre Giacomo Perico S.
J. (Italian)
- 69 “Tentativo di sintesi dei fini del matrimonio”. 1965. By Padre Giacomo Perico S.
J. (French)
- 70 “Réponse au projet de cadre général”. 1965. By Padre Giacomo Perico S. J.
- 71 “Réponse au thème 3 du questionnaire du Dr. Bertolus”. 1965. By Dr. Collette
Potvin.
- 72 “Principes d’action pour une éducation conjugale a la reguation des naissances”.
1965. By Dr. Charles Rendu. Inscribed.
- 73 “Compte rendu des constatations faites”. February 1965. By Elisabeth Rendu.
Paris.
- 75 “Du mutuel des époux et procréation: contribution a la discussion d’un
problème complexe”. 1965. By Josef Maria Reuss. Inscribed.
- 76 “Special study group on population and birth control: report on India, Pakistan
and the Contient of Asia”. 1965. By J. C. Ryan.
- 77 “Physiologie de la reproduction des mammifères mode d’actions des agents
contraceptifs bases physiologiques et considérations morales relatives a leur
usage programme de recherches en ce domaine”. March 25, 1965. By C. Thibault
- 78 “Report for section on demography, economics and sociology”. 1965. By Fr.
John Sasaki
- 79 “Magisterium Ecclesiae circa ethicam conjugalem usque ad Pium XI inclusive”.
February 10, 1965. By J. Visser. Rome (Latin)

- 80 “Ethical and economic aspects of the population problem: a note on
methodology”. 1965. By Prof. Francesco Vito
- 82 “Réponse sur le cadre Général”. 1965. By R. P. Zalba.
- 83 “Article verse a la documentation sur demande du R. P. Fuchs”. 1965. By Bruch
- 84 “Témoignages et données sur le problème de la limitation des naissances”. 1965.
By Laurentin. Incribed.
- 85 “Morale conjugale et vie chrétienne”. 1965. By G. Martelet, S. J.
- 86 “Utrum etiam infecunditas valeat ad bonum prolis”. November 16, 1964. By
Carolus de Koninck and Mgr. Mauritius Dionne. Rome. (latin).
- 87 “Proposal made by the Committee on oral Contraceptives of the Japan Family
Planning Federation, Inc”. July 27, 1964.
- 88 “Appel de foyers: au saint-siege et au concile (1) sur le probleme de la regulation
de la fecondite”. 1965.
- 89 “Amour et fécondité”. 1965.
- 90 “Réflexions sur la crise actuelle de la morale conjugale”. 1965. By Chanoine
Dondeyne.
- 91 “Methodological reflections on the contraception controversy”. 1965. By G. G.
Grisez.
- 92 “Projet d’un Cadre general de Recherche”. 1965.
- 93 “Les fins du mariage”. 1965. By Bernard Haring.
- 94 “Quaedam Reflexiones de finibus matrimonii et de eorum connexione cum
foecunditate”. 1965. By P. Raimundus Sigmond.
- 95 “Rapport sur la situation demographique a l’île maurice”. February 5, 1965. By
Mgr. Jean Margeot.
- 96 Handwritten notes. 1965. Presumably by either Collette or Laurent Potvin.
- 97 “World population data sheet: population information for 123 countries”. 1965.
- 98 “Réflexions a propos des rapports conjugaux”. 1965. By Dr. Van Rossum.
- 99 “Discours du Saint Pere a l’Audience du 28 mars 1965”. March 28, 1965.
- 100 “Travail de la section demographie, economie et sociologie”. 1965. Originally
inscribed D-1965.
- 101 “Caractéristiques du contrôle de la natalité a Rio de Janeiro”.
- 102 “Document en vue de la discussion sur les possibilités d’action immédiate”.
1965.
- 103 Untitled document. 1965. Incribed.
- 104 “The urgency of the present task”. January 21, 1965. By Prof. Donald N. Barrett.
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