

Anne E. Carr, BVM, Papers 1958-2016

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See Also: Mundelein College Records at the Women and Leadership Archives, and BVM Archives in Dubuque, Iowa.

Biographical History

Anne E. Carr was born in Chicago on November 11, 1934. After receiving her AB (cum laude) from Mundelein College in 1956, she taught in the Chicago Public Schools for two years while doing graduate work in English literature at Loyola University Chicago. In 1958, she joined the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taking the religious name of Sr. Mary Anne David, BVM. By 1963, Sr. Anne had earned her MA in Theology from Marquette University and had begun teaching at Mundelein College, where she served as acting chair of the Theology Department from 1964 to 1966. In 1966, she began studying Christian Theology at the University of Chicago, earning a second MA in 1969 and her PhD in 1971. When she returned to Mundelein in 1970 on a full-time basis, she was appointed undergraduate chair of the Theology Department. In 1973, she

left for a two-year appointment as visiting assistant professor in the Religious Studies Department of Indiana University at Bloomington (Indiana).

In 1975, Dr. Carr accepted the position of assistant dean and assistant professor of theology in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. She was promoted to associate dean and associate professor in 1977. In 1981 she became associate professor of theology and humanities and in 1988 was promoted to full professor, serving during the intervening years as a visiting scholar at Trinity College in Dublin, Boston College, and Harvard Divinity School.

Anne E. Carr, BVM, is an internationally recognized theologian and educator. Her professional life has been dedicated to feminist theology and the role of women in the church, where she has worked to blend these issues with the traditions of Christianity, particularly of the Roman Catholic Church. In addition to authoring three books, Dr. Carr has edited and co-edited many other books, written essays and published articles. She has lectured widely on aspects of feminist theology and the role of women in the church.

In recognition of her achievements, Dr. Carr received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Jesuit Divinity School, Berkeley, California, in 1983, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Loyola University Chicago in 1995, the John Courtney Murray Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America in 1997, and the Ann O'Hara Graff Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America in 2007.

Dr. Carr passed away in her home in Chicago on February 11, 2008.

Scope and Content

The papers of Anne E. Carr, BVM, consist of 1 linear foot (2 boxes) and span the years 1964-1995 and have been divided into four series and consist of unpublished sermons and talks, published articles, book reviews, published interviews, awards, and biographical information. Each series is arranged chronologically.

Series 1: Unpublished Materials, 1965-1995, undated, Box 1, contains the typescripts and handwritten outlines of sermons and talks given by Dr. Carr, arranged chronologically. Several files contain the program outlining the service of worship in which Dr. Carr delivered the sermon.

Series 2: Published Materials, 1964-1994, undated, Box 2, is composed of published articles and book reviews; this series is arranged chronologically. Contained within are manuscript versions of articles and in some instances, copies of how the article appeared in print, and one cassette recording of one of Dr. Carr's papers, published in 1979 by the National Catholic Reporter Publishing Company. Copies of the review in print are also included for some. Also included are reviews of Dr. Carr's works: *The Theological Method of Karl Rahner*; *A Search for Wisdom and Spirit: Thomas Merton's Theology of Self*; and *Transforming Grace: Christian Tradition and Women's Experience*.

Series 3: Interviews and Awards, 1989-2007, Box 2, contains copies of published interviews given by Dr. Carr and a scholarly award presented to Dr. Carr. Also contains a copy of the speech given by Anne Patrick on June 7, 2007 at the ceremony where Anne Carr was presented with the Ann O'Hara Groff Award by the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Series 4: Biographical Information, 1965-1995, undated, Box 2

Contains a copy of Dr. Carr's resume through 1995, and twenty-eight photographs spanning the years 1965-1990.

Series 5: Addendum 1, 1958-2016, undated, Boxes 3-11

This series contains Addendum 1, an accrual of materials that were processed but not incorporated with the series above. Similar and/or related materials listed above may also be found here. Materials are primarily related to her career as a professional theologian. Documents include research files, course notes, student papers, conference materials, and publications. The collection has been divided into three subseries and arranged alphabetically within subseries, owing to the thematic nature of much of the material.

Subseries 5.1: Biographical, 1975-2016, undated, Box 3

Contains materials related to Dr. Carr's personal life and consists of correspondence acknowledging her donations to various organizations, funeral eulogies, personal reflections, her resume, a diary kept by Jackie Rice during her surgery for a non-malignant brain tumor, a biography of her life, and a photograph. It also includes an undergraduate research paper written about Anne Carr's work by University of Chicago student Elizabeth McCreless. The publication *Anne Carr, BVM: Activist, Scholar, and Contemplative in Action* by Robert E. Doud is also in the Loyola University Chicago Libraries catalog and available on the Gannon Center for Women and Leadership website: luc.edu/gannon/publications.shtml.

Subseries 5.2: Academic Materials, 1961-2007, undated, Boxes 3-5

Consists of course materials from Dr. Carr's undergraduate and graduate education and research files on theological subjects. The materials include handwritten notes, course syllabi, articles, student papers, and Dr. Carr's official graduate school records.

Subseries 5.3: Professional Materials, 1958-2003, undated, Boxes 6-11

Contains materials related to Dr. Carr's career as a professional theologian including conference materials, speeches, awards, unpublished work, photographs, and correspondence acknowledging her various faculty appointments and yearly salary. This series also includes two subseries.

Sub-subseries 5.3.1: General, 1958-2002, Box 6-7

Includes materials related to the Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, honorary degrees, commencement addresses, and other materials related to Dr. Carr's career.

Sub-subseries 5.3.2: Courses Taught, 1965-2002, undated, Boxes 8-10

Consists of course notes and materials related to the various college courses Dr. Carr taught during her career as a professor of theology. Documents include course syllabi, handwritten notes, student papers, and articles related to the subject of the course.

Sub-subseries 5.3.3: Publications, 1968-2003, undated, Boxes 10-11

Contains Dr. Carr’s various publications, consisting of articles, book reviews both written by Dr. Carr and about her own works, and publications put out by the University of Chicago Divinity School to which Dr. Carr contributed.

Subjects:

Barth, Karl (1886-1968)
 Buber, Martin (1878-1965)
 Capps, Walter H. (1934-1997)
 Carbine, Rosemary P.
 Carr, Anne (1934–2008)
 Catholic Theological Society of America
 Christian Theology
 Dunne, John (1929-2013)
 Feminist Theology
 Foucault, Michel (1926-1984)
 Habermas, Jürgen (1929-)
 Haroutunian, Joseph (1904-1968)
 Heidegger, Martin (1889-1976)
 Loyola University Chicago
 Merton, Thomas (1915–1968)
 Moltmann, Jürgen (1926-)
 Newman, J. H. (1801-1890)
 Niebuhr, Reinhold (1892-1971)
 Ogden, Schubert (1928-2019)
 Otto, Rudolph (1869-1937)
 Pannenburg, Wolfhart (1928-2014)
 Polyani, Michael (1891-1976)
 Rahner, Karl (1904–1984)
 Schillebeeckx, Edward (1914-2009)
 Schleiermacher, Friedrich (1768-1834)
 Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs)
 Sittler, Joseph (1904-1987)
 Theology

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Anne E. Carr, BVM, Papers, 1964-2007, undated</i>	
		Series 1: Unpublished Materials, 1965-1995, undated	
1	1	“Rebuke to a Foolish Angel,” Bond Chapel, University of Chicago	1977
1	2	Untitled Sermon, Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago	[1977]
1	3	Meadville/Lombard Vesper Service, “Aquinas: Words about Wisdom”	1978
1	4	Untitled Sermon, Bond Chapel, University of Chicago,	1979

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1	5	Untitled Sermon, Mundelein College	1980
1	6	Untitled Sermon, Bond Chapel, University of Chicago	1982
1	7	Ash Wednesday Sermon, Mundelein College,	undated
1	8	Funeral Homily for Mary Hogan, BVM, Mundelein College	1984
1	9	“The Story and the Name,” Bond Chapel, University of Chicago. Based on Acts 3:1-10 and Luke 24:13-35	1985
1	10	“From Fatherhood to Friend” Bond Chapel, University of Chicago	[1985]
1	11	Untitled Sermon, Influenced by Henri Nouwen’s course at Harvard Divinity School	[1985]
1	12	Untitled Sermon, Prayer for Thanksgiving, Bond Chapel, University of Chicago	[1987]
1	13	Untitled Sermon, Temple Emanuel, An Interfaith Memorial Service for Yom Hashoa	1993
1	14	Untitled Sermon, Bond Chapel, University of Chicago	1993
1	15	“Not One Jot” Bond Chapel, University of Chicago	1994
1	16	“Our Heritage as Religious Women”	[1975]
1	17	Untitled Talk, Mundelein college Concerns the revitalization and restructuring of the MA program at Mundelein college, exploring the trend toward modernization and trying to keep the liberal arts tradition alive.	[1976-1977]
1	18	Untitled Talk	[1977]
1	19	“Innovative teaching Methods” St. Louis University	[1977]
1	20	“Recent Worrisome Developments in the Roman Catholic Church,” The Divinity School, The University of Chicago	[1980]
1	21	Untitled Talk, Bethany Seminary	[1980]
1	22	“On the Place of Women in the Church,” Talk for the Serin Club, Marshall Fields	[1980]
1	23	“Question of the Ordination of Women in the Roman Catholic Church,” The Divinity School, The University of Chicago	[1980]
1	24	“Theological Issues: The Ordination of Women,” Franciscan Sisters, Wheaton, Illinois	[1980-1981]
1	25	“Historical Reflections on Women in the Church,” Franciscan Sisters, Wheaton, Illinois	[1980-1981]
1	26	Untitled Talk	[1980-1981]
1	27	“Theological Perspectives on the Ordination Question,”	[1981]
1	28	Untitled Talk, Catholic Theological Union	[1981]
1	29	“Catholic Interpretation of Bible Since Council of Trinity,” Mundelein College	[1982]
1	30	“Contemporary Religious Life: Between Past and Future,” Phoenix, Az. Talk given for BVM’s	[1982]

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1	31	Series of three untitled talks, Wright Hall	[1984]
1	32	Untitled Talk, Mundelein College	[1985]
1	33	“Presence of Women in Ministerial Training and Theological Education,”	[1985]
1	34	“Feminist Perspective on Theology: Women’s Place,” Paulist Center, Toronto	[1987]
1	35	Series of three talks given on the Vow of Obedience	[1987]
1	36	“Faith, the Adolescent, and Morality”	undated
1	37	Untitled Talk, Temple Emanuel	1965
1	38	“Liturgy and the Elementary School Teacher,” St. Columbanus	1966
1	39	Chicago Career Conference for College Women: Reflection	1972
1	40	Untitled talk, West Side Religious Educators	1972
1	41	“Our Faith Yesterday and Today,” St. Capitons	1972
1	42	“Impact of Contemporary Theology on our World View,” Marycrest College, Davenport, WI	1974
1	43	“Living Philosophy,” Sunday Evening club	1976
1	44	“Younger Women and Religion Today,”	1976
1	45	Untitled talk given as a panelist, DePaul University, 6 th Annual Theology Lecture Conferences	1977
1	46	“The Place and Study of Religion in the Liberal Arts,” Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park, Chicago	1981
1	47	“Women and the Church” Paulist Center, Toronto	1982
1	48	“Women in Theology and ministry: Issues Today,” Boston college	1984
1	49	“Some Reflections on Images of the Church Today,” BVM Congregation	1984
1	50	“Feminism and Christology,” Hyde Park Union Church	1987
1	51	Catholic Theological Union, Commencement Speech	1989
1	52	“Feminist Theology,” Grailville, OH	1989
1	53	“Providence and Power: The Mystical-Political Connection,” Women of Providence in Collaboration (WPC) Colloquium II, Mont Marie Conference Center (Sisters of St. Joseph), Holyoke, MA	1991
1	54	Untitled talk	1991
1	55	Untitled talk	1991
1	56	“Loyola Commencement”	1995
1	57	“Women’s Place and Religion: New Answers to New Questions”	1977-1981
1	58	Untitled talk	1980-1984

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1	59	“Not a Sparrow Falls: On Providence and Responsibility in History,” Catholic Theological Society of America, St. Louis	1989
1	60	“Scholarship and Transformation: Mystical-Political Faith Today,” Includes correspondence pertaining to a specific talk at Providence College, RI	1989-1992
1	61	"Transforming Power: Mystical-Political Faith Today"	1990-1993
1	62	“Women in the Church”	1988, 1993
Series 2: Published Articles, 1964-1994, undated			
2	1	“I shall make you love me” <i>Today</i>	1964
2	2	“Theology and Experience in the Thought of Karl Rahner” <i>Journal of Religion</i>	1973
2	3	“Forum on Creative teaching,” <i>Horizons</i>	1974
2	4	“Theology and Religious Studies: A Suggestion,” <i>Horizons</i>	1975
2	5	“The Church in Process: Engendering the Future,” <i>Women and Catholic Priesthood</i> . Also given as a talk at Women’s Ordination Conference, Detroit. Earlier version of a chapter in <i>Transforming Grace</i>	1975-1976
2	6	“Is Divinity School a Man’s World,” <i>Newsletter for Single Catholic Women</i>	1977
2	7	“Women’s Place, Ordination, and Christian Thought: Old and New Questions,” <i>Listening</i> Also used for talks during 1983 & 1984. Earlier version of a chapter in <i>Transforming Grace</i>	1978
2	8	“The God Who is Involved,” <i>Theology Today</i>	1981
2	9	“Is a Christian Feminist Theology Possible?” <i>Theological Studies</i>	1982
2	10	“Coming of Age in Christianity: Women and the Churches,” <i>The Furrow</i>	1983
2	11	“Images of Advent,” <i>America</i>	1984
2	12	“Karl Rahner,” <i>Handbook of Christian Theologians</i>	1984
2	13	“Theological Anthropology and the Experience of Women,” <i>Chicago Studies</i>	1988
2	14	“Unsystematic Systematician,” <i>Commonweal</i>	1985
2	15	“Sources of My Theology,” <i>Journal of Feminist Studies in Religions</i>	1985
2	16	“Women, Justice, and the Church,” <i>Horizons</i>	1990
2	17	“Education for Ministry at Chicago,” <i>Criterion</i>	1992
2	18	“Merton: East West Reflections,” <i>Horizon</i>	1991-1994
2	19	“A Look in the Future: Women Religious and Ignatius Loyola”	undated
2	20	Thomas Merton’s Theology of Self, given at Mundelein College, recorded and published by NCR Cassettes	1979

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2	21	Book Reviews written by Dr. Carr	1965, 1976
2	22	<i>The Theological Method of Karl Rahner</i>	undated
2	23	<i>Transforming Grace: Christian Tradition and Women's Experience</i>	undated
2	24	<i>A Search for Wisdom and Spirit: Thomas Merton's Theology of Self</i>	undated
		Series 3: Interviews and Awards, 1989-2007	
2	25	"Theology, the Church, and Women's Experience: Anne E. Carr talks about <i>Transforming Grace</i> ," <i>Criterion</i>	1989
2	26	"Does God want to be your Macho Man?" <i>US Catholic</i>	1989
2	27	Journalism Award, <i>Horizons</i> , First Place – Scholarly, Best Article 1995 "Merton's East-West Reflections"	1995
2	28	Speech by Anne Patrick, Ann O'Hara Graff Award	2007
		Series 4: Biographical Information, 1965-1995, undated	
2	29	Resume	1995
2	30	Photographs	1965-1990, undated
		Series 5: Addendum 1, 1958-2016, undated	
		Subseries 5.1: Biographical, 1975-2016, undated	
3	1	Biographical Encyclopedia Entry	undated
3	2	Donations	1997-2007
3	3	Funeral Eulogies	1983-2000
3	4	Personal Reflections	1975, undated
3	5	Photographs	2003, undated
3	6	Resume	1977, 2002
3	7	Surgery Diary	1996
3	8	"Women's Experience, Tradition, and History: Anne Carr's Catholic Feminism" by Elizabeth McCreless	2012
3	9	<i>Anne Carr, BVM: Activist, Scholar, and Contemplative in Action</i> by Robert E. Doud	2016
		Subseries 5.2: Academic Materials, 1961-2007, undated	
3	10	Barth, Karl	1997, undated
3	11	Buber Martin: I and Thou	undated
3	12	Capps, Walter H.: <i>Ways of Understanding Religion</i>	undated
3	13	Carbine, Rosemary P.	2006-2007, undated
3	14	Christology	1976-1992, undated
3	15	Course: Freedom and Responsibility	1965, undated
3	16	Course: Hellenistic Religions	1963
3	17	Course: History of Christian Thought I, II, and III	1966-1967

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3	18	Course: History of Religions Courses	1963-1967, undated
4	1	Course: New Testament Courses	1966-1972, undated
4	2	Course: Old Testament Courses	1961-1967, undated
4	3	Course: Patristic Theology and the Sacraments Courses	1961-1962, undated
4	4	Course: Philosophy of God	undated
4	5	Course: Philosophy of Religion	1968, undated
4	6	Course: Religion and Personality	1966-1967
4	7	Course: Sacraments	undated
4	8	Course: Schleiermacher and Tillich	undated
4	9	Course: Sin and Justification	1967
4	10	Course: The Theology of Calvin	1972, undated
4	11	Course: The Theology of the Mass	1961
4	12	Dunne, John: <i>Metamorphoses of Faith</i>	1967-1968
4	13	Graduate School Records	1965-1971
5	1	Habermas, Jürgen	1964-1984
5	2	Haroutunian, Joseph	1963-1965
5	3	Heidegger, Martin	1965-1977
5	4	Hermeneutics	1970-1985
5	5	Leisure	1967, undated
5	6	Moltmann, Jürgen	1976-1984, undated
5	7	Newman, J. H.	undated
5	8	Niebuhr, Reinhold	1962-1988, undated
5	9	Ogden, Schubert	1975-1985, undated
5	10	Otto, Rudolph	undated
5	11	Pastoring vs. Assessment	undated
5	12	Polanyi, Michael	1975, undated
5	13	Rahner, Karl	1966-1985, undated
5	14	Schleiermacher, Friedrich	1981, undated
5	15	Sittler, Joseph: <i>Essays on Nature and Grace</i>	1968, undated
5	16	Tillich, Paul	1964, undated
		Subseries 5.3: Professional Activities, 1958-2003, undated	
		Sub-subseries 5.3.1: General, 1958-2002	
6	1	BVMs in Higher Education Planning Committee	1958, 1989-1995
6	2	Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention	1997
6	3	Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, John Courtney Murray Award Photographs	1997
6	4	Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention	1990
6	5	Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention	1989
6	6	Catholic Theological Society of America Task Force on Women	1975-1976, undated
6	7	Catholic Theological Society of America Task Force on Women Documents	1971-1977, undated

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6	8	Christology Talks	1983-1985, undated
6	9	Commencement Addresses	1982-1995
6	10	Faculty Appointments and Salary	1969-2002
7	1	Great Lakes Regional Meeting	1998
7	2	Honorary Degrees	1983-2000
7	3	Mary Symposium	1988
7	4	Ministry in Year 2000 Panel	1990
7	5	Mundelein College Mary Project	1970-1983, undated
7	6	Retirement	2003
7	7	“Themes for Spiritual Renewal: The Mystical and the Political” Talk	1990-1991
7	8	Unpublished Work	undated
7	9	University of Detroit Ordination Conference	1975
7	10	Women of Providence in Collaboration Colloquium	1991
		Sub-subseries 5.3.2: Courses Taught, 1965-2002, undated	
8	1	Autobiography and Western Religious Thought	1968-1988, undated
8	2	Contemporary Christology	1978-1993, undated
8	3	Contemporary Christology: Edward Schillebeeckx	1980-1991, undated
8	4	Introduction to Religion in the West	1973-1975, undated
8	5	Models of Transcendence	1976-1989, undated
9	1	Myths and Symbols of Evil	1966, 1991-2002, undated
9	2	The Pluralism of Religions	1981-1982, undated
9	3	Religion and Experience	1971
9	4	Theological Anthropology	1985-2002, undated
9	5	Theological Method	1969-1977, undated
9	6	Theology Colloquium: Michel Foucault	1983
9	7	Thomas Merton	1965-1998, undated
10	1	Wolfgang Pannenberg	1980-1991, undated
10	2	Women and Religion	1983-1985, undated
		Sub-subseries 5.3.3: Publications, 1968-2003, undated	
10	3	Articles	1973-2000, undated
10	4	Book Reviews	1987-2002, undated
10	5	<i>Academic Study of Religion: 1974</i>	1974
10	6	<i>The Catholic Theological Society of America Research Report: Women in Church and Society</i>	1978
10	7	<i>Concilium: Motherhood: Experience, Institution, Theology</i>	1989
10	8	<i>Concilium: The Special Nature of Women?</i>	1991
10	9	<i>Concilium: Women, Work and Poverty</i>	1987
11	1	“The Evolution of a Program in College Theology,” <i>The Living Light: A Religious Education Review</i>	1968

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11	2	“Feminist Views of Christology,” <i>Chicago Studies</i>	1996
11	3	<i>Horizons</i> , vol. 1, no. 1	1974
11	4	<i>A Look Into the Future: Women Religious and Ignatius Loyola</i>	1992
11	5	“Man’s Condition: A Review Article,” <i>McCormick Quarterly</i>	1969
11	6	“Providence, Power and the Holy Spirit,” <i>Horizons</i> , and Elms College Talk	1998-2001
11	7	<i>Religion, Feminism, and the Family</i>	1996
11	8	“Transformations of the Self in Thomas Merton,” <i>Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture</i>	1990
11	9	“Who Do You Say That I Am? Contributions to Christology from Contemporary Women,” <i>Chicago Studies</i>	1998-1999
11	10	“Women and the Churches,” <i>The Furrow</i>	1983
11	11	University of Chicago Divinity School Publications	1974-2002