

# **Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research (Collegeville, Minn.).**

**Records, 1965-**

## **SJU Archival Collection 14**

**33.8 cubic ft. (72 archive boxes)**

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**ABSTRACT:** Collection contains records of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, later named Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, founded in 1967 to provide a setting for theological study and interchange of ideas by resident scholars from diverse Christian traditions.

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** The records of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research include minutes, correspondence, reports, photographs, and financial records. There are documents related to donors and benefactors, and to resident scholars. A significant portion of the collection details the “Faith and Ferment” project, an interdisciplinary study of Christian culture in Minnesota in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Smaller segments of the collection are dedicated to topics including black theology, hope, constructive theology, and women in the Church.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:** The Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research was founded in 1967. The Institute offers scholars the opportunity to engage in an extended research project in Christian theology in a residential, ecumenical environment. Since 2009, the Institute also offers programs for literary writers who explore Christian themes. Fr. Kilian McDonnell, OSB was the founder and first executive director of the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research. Since 1973 he has been president of the Institute. In 2006, the official name became Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research. The Executive Directors have been:

Kilian McDonnell, OSB, 1967-1974  
Robert S. Bilheimer, 1974-1984  
Patrick Henry, 1984-2004  
Donald Ottenhoff, 2004-2021  
Jacqueline A. Bussie, 2021-

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**ARRANGEMENT:** The files are organized alphabetically.

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**ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open to all members of the public, and there are no access restrictions on most of the materials. Access to some personal information is restricted. See Archivist.

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**COLLECTION CITATION:** This collection should be cited as:

St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.). Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research. Records, 1965-. SJU Archival Collection 14. St. John's University Archives, Collegeville, Minnesota.

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**RELATED COLLECTIONS:** MC 4, McDonnell, Kilian, O.S.B., 1921-.

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**ACQUISITION:** The collection was transferred to the archives in small sections by a number of donors over the years. Accessions numbers: 275, 329, 370, 396, 497, 501, 599, 647, 96-007, 97-001, 98-004, 2004-001, 2016-009. Accruals are anticipated.

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**SUBJECT TERMS:**

- Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research (Collegeville, Minn.)
  - Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research.
  - St. John's University (Collegeville, Minn.)
  - St. John's Abbey (Collegeville, Minn.)
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**INVENTORY:** For contents, see the "[Ecumenical Institute Office](#)" collection in the Saint John's University Archives and Special Collections database.

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