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**Abstract**

Donald I. MacLean was born in 1929 in Norwalk, Connecticut. After attending Fairfield College Preparatory School, MacLean became a member of the Society of Jesus in 1947 and was ordained as a priest in 1961. He studied philosophy at Weston College and also attended Boston College where he eventually received an A.B. and M.A. in Philosophy. In 1954, MacLean began graduate study in physical chemistry at Catholic University of America and was awarded a Ph.D. in 1958. He then spent several years in Europe where he studied theology under Karl Rahner at the University of Innsbruck and also worked as a Research Associate and Humboldt Fellow at the Institute of Physical Chemistry at the University of Goettingen.

In 1966, Father MacLean began his life's work, higher education. From 1966 to 1973, he served as professor of chemistry and director of laboratories at Boston College. In 1973, Father MacLean moved into a full-time management and administrative position in academia when he assumed the position of Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Creighton University in Omaha. Three years later, he became the twenty-fourth president of Saint Joseph's College [later University] in Philadelphia. Highlights of the MacLean administration at Saint Joseph's included a successful \$15 million capital improvement program along with an increase in the number of applicants and the addition of eight new graduate programs.

Upon leaving Saint Joseph's University in 1986, Father MacLean became Vice-President of University Ministry at Loyola University, Chicago. In August 1989, he assumed the position of President of Spring Hill College in Alabama. However, a recurrence of cancer soon forced him to leave that position, and he died in Weston, Massachusetts on November 13, 1989, two weeks before his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The personal papers of Father MacLean offer researchers a glimpse into the personal and professional life of Jesuit who was also a highly trained and successful chemist. In addition, the collection offers insight into the difficulties faced by a Jesuit in higher education who made the transition from professor and laboratory researcher to university administrative positions at a time when Jesuits institutions of higher education were experiencing significant changes and when colleges and universities at large were faced with new and at times daunting challenges.

## **Biographical Note**

Donald I(sadore) MacLean was born on November 25, 1929, in Norwalk, Connecticut, the son of Chester Moody MacLean and Irene Andrea Paquette MacLean. He was the oldest of three children. His sisters were Janet May MacLean (born April 1, 1932) and Gail Andrea MacLean (born September 25, 1945).

After attending Fairfield College Preparatory School in Connecticut, MacLean became a member of the Society of Jesus (S.J.) in 1947. From 1947-1951, he spent his novitiate and juniorate at Shadowbrook in Lenox, Massachusetts. He attended the School of Philosophy and Science at Weston College in Weston, Massachusetts, where he received a Lic. Phil. in 1954. During this period, MacLean also attended Boston College where he received an A.B. in 1953 and a M.A. in Philosophy in 1959. In 1954, MacLean began graduate study in physical chemistry at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and in 1958 was awarded a Ph.D.

MacLean then traveled to Europe to begin an additional seven years of study and research. From 1958 to 1962, he studied theology under Karl Rahner at the University of Innsbruck in Austria. He also participated in summer research projects in chemistry in Oxford, England (1959), and in Goettingen, Germany (1960, 1961). In 1961, MacLean was ordained as a priest. From 1962 to 1965, he worked as a Humboldt Fellow and Research Associate at the Institute of Physical Chemistry, University of Goettingen. Following his years in Europe, MacLean returned for tertianship at Pomfret, Connecticut, and from 1965 to 1966, he also served briefly as an assistant chaplain at Yale University.

Father MacLean then moved to Massachusetts to assume a faculty position at Boston College. There he served as Assistant Professor of Chemistry from 1966 to 1970 and Associate Professor from 1970 to 1973. He also worked as Director of Laboratories of Boston College and undertook research projects for the National Science Foundation, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and the Office of Naval Research. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, Father MacLean also began to assume administrative responsibilities by serving on several committees such as Chairman of the Academic Development Committee, Organizer and Chairman of the University Faculty Caucus, Devlin Hall Renovation Committee, Graduate Dean Search Committee, and Advisory Committee for the Vice-President for Student Affairs.

During his years in Boston, Father MacLean was the author of numerous scholarly articles in the field of physical chemistry and presented papers and participated in seminars at national and international meetings and conferences. Jesuit assignments included Spiritual Father at St. John's Archdiocesan Seminary (1966 to 1971) as well as Spiritual Father (1969 to 1971) and Director (1971 to 1973) of the Jesuit Collegian Residence. From 1966 to 1972, he also served on the Jesuit National Council on Belief and Unbelief. In 1967, Father MacLean took his final vows.

In 1973, Father MacLean moved into a full-time management and administrative position in academia when he assumed the position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculties at Creighton University in Omaha. Among other duties, he served as Chair of the University Rank and Tenure Committee, Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, Member of the President's Advisory Committee and Financial Advisory Committee, and Campus Planning Council. During this time, Father MacLean also became a Trustee of St. Louis University eventually serving on the Committee on the Medical Center and the Finance Committee.

In 1976, after three years at Creighton University, Father MacLean became the twenty-fourth president of Saint Joseph's College [later University] in Philadelphia. Highlights of his administration included a successful \$15 million capital improvement program, an effort in which Saint Joseph's bought or built seven buildings. New construction included a new residence hall, a new wing for the library, and a new sports complex adjoining the existing field house. During his tenure, applications to Saint Joseph's increased fifty percent and the number of graduate students almost tripled with the addition of eight new graduate programs. The student body became more diversified with almost 300 international students and a ten percent minority population. The percentage of women in the student body grew to fifty percent. The college attained University status, and study abroad programs were established in London and Strasbourg.

Besides his duties as president, Father MacLean served on several boards and committees including the Philadelphia Urban Coalition, the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, the Academy of Sciences of Philadelphia (founding member), the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Ethics of the City of Philadelphia, and the Business-Higher Education Forum. He also served on Boards of Trustees for Canisius College and Valley Forge Military Academy.

The MacLean administration's many accomplishments were marred by a 1984 fire in one of the university-owned apartment complexes. Further, in 1985, two employees in the university's physical plant department were convicted of taking kickbacks and payoffs from suppliers, a scheme which cost the university thousands of dollars over several years. Following the incident, Father MacLean turned in his resignation as president in June 1985, effective July 1986.

Upon leaving Saint Joseph's University, Father MacLean became Vice-President of University Ministry at Loyola University, Chicago. The President of the University, Father Raymond Baumhart, S.J., was seeking an experienced administrator to head its large University Ministry division (28 full-time and 28 part-time professionals) which was responsible for ministering to 15,000 students on four campuses as well as to patients in the medical center. In addition to his duties as Vice-President of University Ministry, Father MacLean also served on the President's Coordinating Council, the Academic Priorities Committee, the University Priorities Committee, and the Capital Budget Committee. He also served on the Board of Trustees of St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago.

Although cancer surgery interrupted his many activities and assignments in 1987, Father MacLean resumed his duties and continued working at Loyola University until June 1989. In August 1989, he assumed the position of President of Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. However, shortly after taking office, his cancer returned and he was forced to leave Spring Hill and enter a hospital in the New England Province. He died in Weston, Massachusetts on November 13, 1989, two weeks before his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Scope and Content Note**

In his address to the faculty at the Faculty Convocation in February 1985, Father Donald I. MacLean, President of SJU, began his message stating, “1984 was a productive but difficult year for Saint Joseph’s University.” Despite these difficulties, Father MacLean remained optimistic about the future of SJU and challenged the faculty members to help the university achieve the current priority goal, namely to improve academic quality.

None of us came to Saint Joseph’s because we saw that it was good and we wanted to keep it that way. No, we saw that it was good and we wanted to make it better. We saw great potential here and we wanted the excitement and the satisfaction that comes from the struggle for excellence...there is something typically Jesuit too about this lack of satisfaction with achievement, with the deep desire to continually improve, with that yearning for excellence, always trying to do better, of course, for the greater glory of God.

These statements exemplify themes found throughout the personal papers of Father MacLean. The themes reveal his deep personal commitment and striving for excellence in all endeavors while at the same time maintaining close relationships with family members, friends, colleagues, and students. In addition, the papers offer researchers a glimpse into the personal and professional life of a Jesuit who was also a highly-trained and successful chemist who explored issues associated with the priest as scientist. Further, the collection offers insight into the difficulties faced by a Jesuit in higher education who made the transition from professor and laboratory researcher to university administrative positions at a time when Jesuit institutions of higher education were experiencing significant changes and when colleges and universities at large were faced with new and at times daunting challenges.

Of potential interest to researchers from his early years in the Society of Jesus as well as from his general professional files are notes on science and religion, files on theology discussions and seminars, and files on topics for retreats. In addition, there is a lengthy letter to Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe written by Father MacLean in 1973 discussing the Collegian Community in the context of the formation program.

Papers emanating from his life’s work, higher education, again reflect his willingness to take on many and often difficult assignments, again always bringing a high degree of commitment, dedication, energy and intellect while at the same time striving for excellence. Father MacLean particularly valued the opportunity to serve as President of

SJU and was concerned about the challenges he faced there. For example, in a letter to the President of the University of San Francisco, Rev. William C. McInnes, Father MacLean wrote, "I surely hope that I can serve St. Joseph's College and the Jesuit educational apostolate well in this new position....Leadership in planning for the present and the future is sorely needed at St. Joseph's. I sensed that many there are wearing the laurels of the past, not noting that they have withered somewhat." [July 7, 1976]

The challenges for college administrators at that time were many as indicated in a May 18, 1976 article in the *Wall Street Journal* which discussed the growing need for college presidents to focus on fund-raising efforts. This article was included with the congratulatory letter sent by SJC Board of Directors member Joseph P. Dougherty to Father MacLean. On at least two occasions during his tenure at SJU, Father MacLean installed a method for his direct reports to critique his performance, indicating at least a willingness to listen and be judged. Such actions reveal a continuing commitment to self-evaluation and improvement. He set goals and developed plans to achieve those goals in a manner he thought was best for the institution.

Despite the setbacks that occurred at the end of his administration at SJU, Father MacLean faced the difficulties with grace, courage, and leadership. After announcing his resignation, Father MacLean received many letters from colleagues, staff and faculty members, and students expressing sadness over his planned departure and gratitude for his hard work and dedication to the University. For example, Richard Leaman, member of the Board of Governors of the Academy of Food Marketing, wrote on May 8, 1985, "I was most saddened to learn of your decision to depart the Saint Joseph's scene.....I certainly have been most impressed by your leadership and what you have contributed to the University. Simply stated, you put St. Joe's on the map, gave it the greatest growth spurt, and firmly established it in the world of academia. The University will sorely miss your forward thinking, your dedication and commitment, and your very positive upbeat personality." Additional correspondence indicates Father MacLean's deep regret and sadness over leaving his position at Saint Joseph's University.

While at Loyola University in Chicago, he faced great challenges in providing leadership in a university ministry department that was large and experiencing a certain degree of factionalism. As with all assignments, and despite serious cancer surgery in 1987, he undertook his position with commitment, leadership, and compassion. Appreciation for his work can be found in a letter from Loyola President, Father Raymond Baumhart, upon learning of Father MacLean's resignation.

He [Don MacLean] volunteered for this difficult position at a time when I wanted an experienced Jesuit administrator. It has been a difficult period to be the head of a Catholic group in this country. One indication is the frequent turnover of vice presidents and directors for ministry. Here at Loyola in the theology department, the Institute of Pastoral Studies, the ministry division, and the Jesuit Community we find persons holding different models of the Church, and tenaciously holding opposing views on matters liturgical, medical ethics, women's role in the church, etc. I am very grateful for Don's three years of

service to the Loyola University community, for his Jesuit virtues and his loyalty to me. [January 18, 1989]

In August 1989, Father MacLean assumed the position of President of Spring Hill College in Alabama. A 1989 planning diary/calendar lists the meetings and appointments for that fall illustrating the typical energy and commitment he intended to bring to his new position. However, with the recurrence of cancer, he was forced to resign. He returned to Weston, Massachusetts where he died on November 13, 1989.

On December 8, 1989, Janet MacLean wrote a 'Dear Friend' letter in which she discussed the recent death of Father MacLean along with some memories of her brother. "Mostly I remember Don as being good, basically good, all his life....Don was not perfect, but I don't believe being perfect is what life is all about. I think we are called to grow, through our everyday choices, to become totally other-centered. This, Don achieved as fully as any human being can, by the time of his death...." The papers in this collection affirm that conclusion and offer researchers insight into the life of an individual who was a dedicated and committed scholar, professor, and administrator as well as a devout priest and caring individual.

### **Processing Note**

Father MacLean donated his personal papers in Archives and Special Collections of Francis A. Drexel Library of Saint Joseph's University in 1989 before assuming the position of president of Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. The only record of any deposit was a copy of a letter found in Father MacLean's files. Father MacLean wrote the letter on March 22, 1989, to the University Archivist stating that he was sending two boxes containing plaques, awards and gifts. He also wrote that he would be sending additional files in the near future.

The materials apparently did arrive in the University Archives and Special Collections of Francis A. Drexel Library sometime in 1989; however, no accessions data were recorded nor were inventories compiled. In addition, there appears to have been no deed of gift. Upon arrival, the materials were apparently were unpacked and placed in filing cabinet drawers. Given these circumstances, it is difficult to know the original order and organization of the files and papers as kept by Father MacLean.

The family papers—consisting of correspondence—were found in separate files and thus maintained in that arrangement. The family papers constitute Record Group 1, and have been arranged chronologically. Most of the remaining files were placed in the filing cabinet drawers according to location/place of assignment. Therefore, this theme has been used as the basis for arranging the rest of the collection. Record Groups 2 through 6 are based on education and/or place of assignment, and in general, the series have a chronological arrangement. The materials in Record Group 7, Personal and Professional Interests/Activities, were found in a separate file drawer. Therefore, the materials have been kept as found and the series in general have been arranged chronologically.

## Overview of Arrangement

### Record Group 1: Family Papers

Series 1. Correspondence, 1959-1989 1 box

### Record Group 2: Education/Early Career in Society of Jesus

#### *Subgroup I: Saint Mary's School*

Series 1. Memorabilia, 1943 1 folder

#### *Subgroup II: Fairfield College Preparatory School*

Series 1. Memorabilia, 1943-1947 1 box  
Series 2. Course Notes, n.d. 1 folder

#### *Subgroup III. Weston College (Lic. Phil., 1954)*

Series 1. Memorabilia, 1951-1954 2 folders  
Series 2. Course Notes, 1953-1954 1 folder  
Series 3. Research Papers, 1953-1955 2 folders  
Series 4. Files/Notes, 1951-1954 2 folders

#### *Subgroup IV: Catholic University of America (Ph.D., 1958)*

Series 1. Research Notes, 1956-1957 2 folders  
Series 2. Research Papers, 1958 2 folders  
Series 3. Contracts, 1957-1958 1 folder

#### *Subgroup V: Boston College (A.B., 1953, M.A. Philosophy, 1959)*

Series 1. Correspondence, 1953 1 folder  
Series 2. Research Paper, 1954 1 folder  
Series 3. Files/Notes 1 folder

#### *Subgroup VI: Univ. of Innsbruck(Theology study)/Univ. of Goettingen, (Humboldt Fellow)*

Series 1. Files/Notes, 1958-1965 2 folders  
Series 2. Memorabilia, 1960-1965 3 folders

*Subgroup VII: Yale University (Asst. Chaplain, 1965-1966)*

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| Series 1. Files/Notes, 1965-1966, n.d. | 2 folders |
| Series 2. Reports, 1966                | 1 folder  |

*Subgroup VIII: St. John's Seminary/N.E. Province*

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| Series 1. Novenas, 1966                      | 1 folder  |
| Series 2. Files/Notes, 1966-1968, n.d.       | 5 folders |
| Series 3. Administrative Files, 1967-1968    | 1 folder  |
| Series 4. Files, N.E. Province               |           |
| 4.1 Correspondence, 1969-1973                | 2 folders |
| 4.2 Reports and Conferences, 1967-1971, n.d. | 2 folder  |

Record Group 3: Boston College (Professor of Chemistry)

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| Series 1. Correspondence, 1971-1973         | 2 folders |
| Series 2. Files/Notes, 1966-1971            | 3 folders |
| Series 3. Contracts/Applications, 1970-1973 | 2 folders |
| Series 4. Memorabilia, 1966-1968            | 1 folder  |

Record Group 4: Creighton University (VP Academic Affairs)

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Series 1. Correspondence, 1974-1976 | 9 folders |
| Series 2. Files/Notes, 1975-1976    | 3 folders |
| Series 3. Memorabilia, 1975-1976    | 2 items   |

Record Group 5. Saint Joseph's University, President

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Series 1. Correspondence, 1976-1986 | 1 box               |
| Series 2. Files/Notes, 1977- 1986   | 1 box               |
| Series 3. Invocations, 1977-1985    | 2 folders           |
| Series 4. Memorabilia, 1976-1986    | 4 folders, 20 items |

Record Group 6. Loyola University (VP University Ministry)

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| Series 1. Correspondence, 1986-1989     | 1 box     |
| Series 2. Files/Notes, 1986-1989        | 1 box     |
| Series 3. Invocations, 1986-1989        | 4 folders |
| Series 4. Planning Diary/Calendar, 1989 | 1 folder  |
| Series 5. Memorabilia, c. 1988          | 1 item    |

## Record Group 7. Personal and Professional Interests/Activities

Series 1. Marriage Ceremonies, 1970-1987	1 folder
Series 2. Sermons/Homilies, 1958-1989	3 folders
Series 3. Files on Professional Affiliations, 1966-1989	1 box
Series 4. Other Personal and Professional Files (including ‘science and religion’, bio data, dissertations directed or contributed), 1958-1989	1 box
Series 5. Publications, 1961-1975	6 folders
Series 6. Photographs, c. 1955-1989	1 box (175 photos)

### **Series Descriptions**

#### Record Group 1, Family Papers, 1959-1989 (Box 1)

*Record Group 1, Family Papers* consists of a Correspondence series which contains primarily letters between Father MacLean and his parents and sisters. The letters depict a very warm and caring relationship among the family members. In two notes, Father MacLean expresses a feeling of how much he will like his new position at Saint Joseph’s College and describes the students as “wonderful kids.” Of particular interest in this series is a very poignant letter written from Janet MacLean to friends upon Father MacLean’s death in 1989. She describes memories of her brother as well as the last days of his life as he battled liver and kidney cancer.

#### Record Group 2, Subgroups I-VIII, Education/Early Career in Society of Jesus, 1943-1973 (Boxes 2-5)

The series in *Subgroups I, II, and III, Saint Mary’s School, Fairfield College Preparatory School, and Weston College (1943-1955)*, consist of Memorabilia, Course Notes, Research Papers, and Files/Notes. In the Research Papers series under *Subgroup III, Weston College*, there is an introduction by Father MacLean at a colloquium entitled “Jesuits in Chemistry,” which is indicative of his lifelong interest in issues pertaining to the topic of science and religion. Another paper of interest in this series is his work written in 1955 entitled “The Basis of Karl Marx’s Philosophy.”

*Subgroup IV, Catholic University of America (1956-1958)* is comprised of Research Notes, Research Papers, and Contracts series. The Research Notes and Research Papers contain lab notebooks and a copy of Father MacLean’s dissertation as well as the dissertation by Robert J. Ratchford, S.J., who received his doctorate in chemistry from Catholic University in the same year. The Contracts series include Father MacLean’s contracts with the University as a research assistant.

The series in *Subgroup V, Boston College (1953-1954)* consist of Correspondence, Research Papers, and Files/Notes. The materials pertain to Father MacLean’s research

paper submitted for his M.A. thesis, entitled “Christian Ethics and the Socio-Ethical Principles of the Young Christian Workers.” The Files/Notes series contains Father MacLean’s notes on the *Rerum Novarum*.

The series in *Subgroup VI, University of Innsbruck/University of Goettingen (1958-1965)* are comprised of Files/Notes on Gutzwiller’s “Romerbrief,” and other materials pertaining to theology discussions. In addition, there is a Memorabilia series which contains black and white prints of scenes of Innsbruck along with a farewell dinner menu from his return voyage from Europe to the United States. The personal notes written on the dinner menu indicate Father MacLean’s great capacity and interest in getting to know people and forming friendships if even for a short time.

*Subgroup VII, Yale University (1965-1966)* is comprised of Files/Notes and Reports series. The Files/Notes series contains materials for theology seminars while the Reports series has an evaluation written by Father MacLean on the new tertian experiment, ‘Assistant Chaplain at Yale University.’

The series in *Subgroup VIII, St. John’s Seminary/New England Province of Society of Jesus (1966-1973)* consist of Novenas, Files/Notes, Administrative Files, Correspondence, and Reports. The Novenas series contains notes on the Miraculous Novena of Grace while Files/Notes has materials pertaining to topics for retreats. The Administrative Files series has class lists, directories, and schedules from St. John’s Seminary. In the files on the New England Province, the Reports series contains various reports including one on the results of the small community experiment. The Correspondence series for the New England Province contains general correspondence as well as a letter from Father MacLean to Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe. In this letter, Father MacLean discusses the Collegian Community and the need for the Province to redevelop the formation program.

*Record Group 3, Boston College, 1966-1973 (Box 5)*

The series in *Record Group 3, Boston College* consist of Correspondence pertaining to Father MacLean’s interest in administrative positions at other Jesuit schools and Files/Notes on spiritual life at Boston College and his work on various College administrative committees. The calendars in the Memorabilia series reflect his fondness for the German landscape and his memories of his experience of living and studying in that area of Europe. Of particular interest in the Contracts series is the Defense Department personnel security questionnaire. In this document, Father MacLean lists in detail his extensive travels in Europe and Canada providing a diary-like account of his trips. His travels were for business and pleasure and included skiing and camping trips as well as visits to art museums in Europe.

*Record Group 4, Creighton University, 1974-1976 (Boxes 5-6)*

*Record Group 4, Creighton University* consists of Correspondence, Files/Notes, and Memorabilia series. The Correspondence series contains letters pertaining to his

forthcoming position as President, Saint Joseph's College, as well as letters of congratulations and farewell letters. Of particular note are incoming and outgoing letters from the Provincial's residence discussing Father MacLean's candidacy for position of president, SJC, and the problems and needs of the College. The letters of congratulations describe the challenges facing college presidents in general and welcome Father MacLean to the "Club of Hard Knocks." [Clarence Walton, President, CUA] Perhaps the best note is from Paul S. Tipton, S.J., President of Spring Hill College. In the letter he states, "Welcome to the most elite, egotistical, perverse, Machiavellian, misunderstood, disliked and insane group of Jesuits in the world!" The farewell notes indicate friendships formed and appreciation for his work as VP Academic Affairs at Creighton University.

The Files/Notes series contains information on his tenure as a Humboldt Senior Visiting Scientist at the University of Goettingen as well as materials pertaining to Creighton University's Institute for Business, Law and Social Research, founded in 1976. Certificates of appreciation and awards can be found in the Memorabilia series.

*Record Group 5, Saint Joseph's College [later University] 1976-1986, (Boxes 6-7)*

The series in *Record Group 5, Saint Joseph's College* include Correspondence, Files/Notes, Invocations, and Memorabilia. The most significant is the Correspondence series which includes letters of welcome from faculty and staff members, as well as Board members. This series also has correspondence from Eugene McCreesh, S.J. regarding performance evaluations of Father MacLean. The many farewell letters express a deep sadness upon learning of Father MacLean's resignation as President as well as a long-lasting appreciation for his work and many accomplishments. There is also incoming and outgoing correspondence with Father Raymond Baumhart, S.J., President Loyola University of Chicago, concerning the position of VP University Ministry.

The Invocations series covers that dates 1977-1985. The Files/Notes series indicate the various interests and activities of Father MacLean while at SJU, and the Memorabilia section contains many plaques and certificates of appreciation. In addition, the Memorabilia series includes two photograph albums (one given as a departing gift) and an appreciation book or "book of friends" also given as a departing gift.

*Record Group 6, Loyola University, Chicago, 1986-1989 (Boxes 8-9)*

The series in *Record Group 6, Loyola University* are comprised of Correspondence, Files/Notes, Invocations, and Memorabilia. In the Correspondence series, letters with SJU staff and former colleagues indicate his continuing interest in and concern for the welfare and status of the university as well as the staff and students. Correspondence from Loyola President, Father Raymond Baumhart, reveal his deep appreciation for Father MacLean's untiring efforts and innovative approaches to the difficult position of Vice President of University Ministry. In his very poignant letter of resignation, Father

MacLean expresses a deep sense of dismay that he has failed the University in not being able to accomplish more in that position.

The Invocations series spans the dates from 1986-1989. The materials in the Files/Notes series—such as a conference on Jesuit vision and tradition at Loyola University and materials on campus ministries at other Jesuit universities—indicate the commitment and innovations he brought to his position at Loyola, even though he was experiencing serious health problems. The activities and meetings noted in his 1989 Planning Diary/Calendar further demonstrate his remarkable energy and intense focus that he brought to his efforts at Loyola and the plans he had for the fall at Spring Hill College. As a reflection of his personality, it is interesting to note the following that Father MacLean wrote in the beginning of this diary:

Each week choose one or more of these:

I'll give feedback to---

I'll need feedback from---

I'll visit---

I'll plan for---

*Record Group 7, Personal and Professional Interests/Activities, 1958-1989*  
(Boxes 10-13)

*Record Group 7, Personal and Professional Interests/Activities* contains a series on Marriage Ceremonies, 1970-1987, as well as a series on Sermons and Homilies from 1958-1989. The series on Professional Affiliations indicate a range of interests from American Association of Jesuit Scientists, the Combustion Institute, and the Business-Higher Education Forum to membership on several Boards of Trustees. Correspondence found in some of these files indicate his commitment to and energy given to tasks and work entailed by these affiliations.

The files found in the series, Other Personal and Professional Files, include a range of materials ranging from biographical data, dissertations directed or contributed to, and topical files on 'science and religion.' The Publications series contains copies of a few of his articles on chemistry as well as an article published in the magazine, America, entitled, "Can We Talk to Marxian Atheists: An Opening Attempt" [July 31, 1965]. The Photograph series contains photos that span the dates 1955-1989 and chronicle the many places where Father MacLean traveled, studied, and worked. Of particular note are some B&W photos of Father MacLean and his classmates in Innsbruck along with laboratory photos at the University of Goettingen and Boston College.

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## **Subjects**

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Religion and science

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Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia, Pa.)

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