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**Assumption College: The Making of a Modern School 1890-1919.** Volume III of A Documentary History of Assumption College. MICHAEL POWER, ed. Windsor: Assumption University, 1989. 378 p. ISBN 0-9691586-6-1 \$25.00.

This volume introduces and reproduces key documents for the period 1890-1919 in the history of Assumption, a Roman Catholic college established by the Basilian Fathers in Sandwich, Ontario. The first two volumes in this series document its history from its founding in 1855 to the year 1890, which marked the end of Father Denis O'Connor's twenty years of strong leadership as superior. Beginning with the sparsely documented years of the presidencies of Father Daniel Cushing, 1890-1901, and Robert McBrady, 1901-1907, Volume III documents primarily Father Francis Forster's term as superior, 1907-1919. The richness of the documentation in this period can be traced to Father Forster's record-keeping practices; he kept all correspondence addressed to him and filed copies of all outgoing correspondence. This correspondence reveals his determined dedication to Assumption and the resulting conflicts with the superior general of the Basilians, with Bishop Fallon of London, and with the officials of the town of Sandwich when their actions did not support the school's growth.

The introduction to this volume serves the necessary function of placing these documents in their historical context. The lives of the three presidents during this period are sketched and the themes woven through the documents are identified. The documents, arranged chronologically in eleven chapters, provide evidence of the expansion of college facilities, the upgrading of educational standards, and the negotiations to affiliate the college's arts department with the University of Western Ontario. Elements of student life — discipline and extracurricular activities — are documented in the text and the harsh intrusions of the First World War and the influenza pandemic of 1918 upon college life are also much in evidence in the later chapters. Eight appendices reproduce longer documents; a glossary identifies briefly the names of persons identified in the documents; a bibliography indicates sources used; and an index provides access to persons, institutions, and a few subject areas.

The documents are for the most part letters written to or by Father Forster and selected from the Archives of the Basilian Fathers in Toronto and Assumption University in Windsor. Other documents include newspaper articles, minutes of meetings, excerpts of publications of Assumption College, and some photographs. All documents were chosen, according to the editor, for their "direct relevance to

Assumption's history for the period 1890 to 1919," and have been transcribed, with few exceptions, exactly as they appear.

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**The Anglin Collection of Canadian Catholic Church History.** T. JAMES HAN-RAHAN, CSB, and MARGARET F. SANCHE. Saskatoon: St. Thomas More College, 1989. 133 p. ISBN 0-921257-29-5 \$10.00.

This research tool provides general information on the holdings of the special collection of Canadian Catholic Church history materials at St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan. Additional detail about the holdings can be obtained on request.

It is hoped that the guide will make materials in the collections more accessible for research, build awareness of St. Thomas More College's role as a repository for published and archival material on Canadian Roman Catholic Church history, and perhaps aid in building up the collection through further donations of material.

The largest section of the guide is an alphabetical listing of the subject headings under which the books and pamphlets in the collection have been categorized. The guide also includes a title list of periodicals and newspapers with inclusive dates of holdings and a descriptive list of archival record groups in the collection. It is expected that there will be further supplements to the guide as more material is catalogued.

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**A Guide to the Archives of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Province of Alberta-Saskatchewan/Guide pour les archives des Oblats de Marie Immaculée, Province d'Alberta-Saskatchewan.** BRIAN M. OWENS and CLAUDE ROBERTO, eds. Edmonton: Missionary Oblates, Grandin Province, 1989. English text: 138 p. French text: 143 p. ISBN 0-969344-0-8 Free.

This guide is a description of over one hundred metres of textual records, maps, plans, photographs, and films generated by the Oblates between 1842 and 1984 and deposited in the Provincial Archives of Alberta. The Oblates, a Congregation of Roman Catholic priests, were significant players in the religious, educational, and social development of western Canada. The brothers have left behind documents which describe more than a century of Oblate life and church life.

*The Guide to the Archives of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate* is organized by operational functions (e.g., administration, parishes, and missions), and by special media forms (photographic materials, sound recordings, cartographic materials,