

Simon G. Bruté (Most Rev.)

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Subjects: Bruté de Remur, Simon William Gabriel, 1779-1839
Catholic Church - United States - History
Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul - United States
Emmitsburg (Md.)
Mount St. Mary's University
Spirituality - Catholic Church
Spirituality - France - History - 17th century
Spirituality - United States - History
St. Mary's Seminary and University (Baltimore, Md.)
Sulpicians - United States – History

Biographical Note

Father Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Remur was born on March 20, 1779 in Rennes, Brittany, France and was connected with the church throughout the years of the French Revolution. He graduated with honors from the Ecole de Medicine in 1803 and was ordained as a priest in 1808. After turning down a position as priest to Emperor Napoleon I of France, he joined the Sulpician community. At the recruitment of Bishop Benedict Flaget, he traveled to the United States in 1810 to St. Mary's College in Baltimore as a professor philosophy. In 1812, he accepted appointment to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, where he became the spiritual adviser and director to Elizabeth Ann Seton. From 1815-1818 he was president of St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore before returning to Mount St. Mary's. His influence over Seton included promulgating to her the works of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac. He remained at Mount St. Mary's until 1834, when he received appointment to become the first Bishop of Vincennes, now Indianapolis, at which he served until his death on June 26, 1839.

In 2005, Archbishop of Indianapolis Daniel M. Buechlein opened a cause of canonization for Bruté.

Scope and Contents

Contains biographical and secondary information; brochures, post cards, and prayer cards; correspondence, meditations, and reflections; sketches; and information about Father Bruté's cause of canonization. Some English translations are available for materials in French.

System of Arrangement

Grouped by material type. Item level inventories exist for English language correspondence and for sketches.

Conditions Governing Access

No access restrictions. It is requested that researchers use transcriptions or copies as much as possible.

Custodial History

Original materials owned by the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, later the Daughters of Charity provinces in Emmitsburg.

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Existence and Location of Originals

Other collections of interest include the Simon Brute papers at Notre Dame University Archive and the Archive of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Portion of collection from Accession 202106002 contains digital scans of some materials from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Related Archival Materials

See other collections "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton" and "Influential People - Most Rev. Benedict Flaget"

Inventory

Title	Box/Drawer	Folder	Date
History of Rev. Simon Bruté, Biographical Information	1	1	
Photocopy of St. Joseph's Church entry on Mother Seton's death by Rev. Bruté	1	2	
Handwritten Copy of an original manuscript of Father Bruté "Emmitsburg 1823" - Translation found in pages 301-321 of the book (RG 7-3- 2 BRU), "Rev. Simon Gabriel Bruté in his connection with the community 1812-1839"	1	3	
Discourse on the Right Rev. Simon Gabriel Bruté in Mt. St. Mary's Church, August 13, 1839 by Rev. John McCaffrey on the occasion of a solemn service for the repose of his soul	1	4	1839
Gift from the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, OH - 1998; Father Bruté's Letter to Mother Augustine Decount, The dying speech or last words, the will	1	5	
Various Brochures and Booklets	1	6	
Post Cards	1	7	
Prayer Cards, Centennial Anniversary Program 1939	1	8	
Photographs	1	9	
Relatives of Father Bruté	1	10	
Index and corrections to the book "Rev. Simon Gabriel Bruté and His Connection with the Community; and Index for the book "Mother Seton"	1	11	
Copies of various articles and news items	1	12	
Copy of article, "The Sisters of Charity in Vincennes" by Ellin M. Kelly	1	13	
Copy of article, "Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton and Father Simon Gabriel Bruté: Differences and	1	14	1995

Similarities in their Spiritualities" by Rev. Albert H. Ledoux			
Comments on the book "Reflections on the Life and Times of Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Remur" by Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein	1	15	
Copy of a drawing - Drawn on stone by A. Newsam from a bust taken from the corpse	1	16	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. (in French) - Originals #A1-A71	2	1	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. (in French) - Copies #A1-A71	2	2	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. (in French) - #A1-A71 - Translations by Rev. Albert H. Ledoux	2	3	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. in English and French (originals) - #B1-B150	2	4	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. in English and French (Copies) - #B1-B150	2	5	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. in English and French (Originals) - #B151-B225	3	1	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. in English and French (Originals) - #B226-B278	3	2	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. in English and French (Copies) - #B1-B278	3	3	
Father Bruté's Correspondence, Meditations, Reflections, Notes, etc. in English and French (Copies) - #C1-C16	3	4	
List and copies of Father Bruté's sketches drawn in his correspondence, meditations, reflections, notes, etc.	4	1	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Meditations (original)	4	2	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Meditations (copy)	4	3	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Old Meditations - by Sr. Ann DeSales (1850) - Original	4	4	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Old Meditations - by Sr. Ann DeSales (1850) - Copy	4	5	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Old Meditations - by Sr. Margaret (original)	4	6	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Old Meditations - by Sr. Margaret (copy)	4	7	

Reflections by Father Bruté (original)	4	8	
Reflections by Father Bruté (Copy)	4	9	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Instructions (original) 1822-1828	4	10	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Instructions (copy) 1822-1828	4	11	
Copy of Father Bruté's meditation book received from the Sisters of Charity of New York - 2007	4	12	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Meditations - transcribed by Sr. Martha Daddisman (original)	5	1	
Handwritten copy of Father Bruté's Meditations - transcribed by Sr. Martha Daddisman (copy)	5	2	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - Questionnaire	6	1	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - Copies of documents received from other archives	6	2	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - Copies of Father Bruté's correspondence sent to Rev. Msgr. Frederick C. Easton	6	3	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - News Items	6	4	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - Copy of Father Bruté's account of the cure of Sr. Benedicta Parson	6	5	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - Photos of people who were interviewed	6	6	
Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Rev. Simon G. Bruté - French manuscripts of Father Bruté sent to Rev. Albert Ledoux for translation	6	7	
Strip off bottom of Bruté painting 7-3-1 #318	Flat File 9	#1	

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Scans of Correspondence (French) from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with translations by Sister Francine Brown, DC, 1816-2014