

RALPH RATH COLLECTION  
1975-2004

FINDING AID

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**Title:**

Ralph Rath Collection, 1975-2004

**Creator(s):**

Rath, Ralph

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00044

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1 Box, 0.5 linear feet

**Repository:**

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## **Biographical History**

Ralph Rath (May 22, 1932 - August 12, 2019) was a Roman Catholic journalist. He was ordained as a Catholic priest on May 26, 1958, at the Oblate Seminary in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The Order sent Rath to California, where he taught at Catholic high schools and local parishes. He left the priesthood in 1967 to pursue a writing career.

Rath contributed to two daily newspapers and seven religious publications. In the 1970s, he was added to “Who’s Who in the West” while writing for the California Tribune. He met David du Plessis in 1972, and joined a charismatic renewal community in San Francisco. The community joined the ecumenical People of Praise charismatic community in South Bend in 1977. Rath continued to advocate for the charismatic religious movement by lecturing across the country, and authoring 13 books and more than 800 feature articles.

## **Scope and Content**

The collection includes Ralph Rath’s essays, “I Remember Du Plessis” and “Memories of a Charismatic Journalist” as well as a selection of his articles and booklets. Materials also include conference programs, booklets, and magazines related to the Charismatic renewal in the Catholic Church and statements on the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Dates range from the 1970s-2004.

## **Subjects**

Catholic Charismatic Movement  
Du Plessis, David  
Ecumenism  
Pentecostalism

**Container List**

**Box 1**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Correspondence with Darrin Rodgers	November 2004
2	"I Remember Du Plessis"	
3	"Memories of a Charismatic Journalist"	
4	Ralph Rath articles	1975-2000
5	People of Praise Ecumenical Community, South Bend, <i>Tribune/Metro</i> – Letters of protest against NCR negative report	26 May 1977
6	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Pentecostal/Charismatic Renewal in the Holy Spirit	David Barrett
7	National Service Committee	Articles, pamphlets
8	North American Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelization, New Orleans '87	1987
9	Evangelize the World, Now! North American Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelization, Indianapolis	1990
10	<i>Launching the Decade of Evangelization</i>	Vinson Synan & Ralph Rath
11	<i>God is at Work in You</i>	Ralph Rath
12	Booklets: <i>The Devil, Christian Community, After Death, Jesus: Guru or God?, Mantras, Inner Guides, Homosexuality</i> South Bend Peter Publications, Get the Facts Series	1992-1994, Ralph Rath