

**Msgr. Clement Kern**  
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1945-1969 (bulk, 1945-1950)

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Finding aid written by Kimberly Hermann on October 20, 2009.

**Accession Number:** 1013

**Creator:** Monsignor Clement Kern

**Acquisition:** The records of Msgr. Clement Kern were deposited in 1980, with a second deposit in 1986.

**Language:** The material is in English and Spanish

**Access:** Papers are open for research

**Use:** Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library *Rules for Use of Archival Materials*.

**Notes:** Citation style: "Monsignor Clement Kern, Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University"

**Copies:**

**Other Access Aids:**

**Related Material:** Michgian Worker Ministry Collection, United Farm Workers Collection

**History:**

Monsignor Clement Kern was a Roman Catholic priest who came to Michigan after studying in Mexico. He found himself at Most Holy Trinity Church in the heart of Detroit's Corktown district. Kern served at Holy Trinity as assistant pastor for six years and as pastor for 28 years. During his time at Holy Trinity Msgr. Kern worked to emphasize the importance of human dignity and to demonstrate that everyone, in the eyes of God, is equal.

Under the leadership of Father Kern, Holy Trinity became a major center for Latino American residents of southwest Detroit. During his work in Detroit, Kern became

active in the migratory labor arena and helped with the Michigan Committee to Aid Farm Workers.

**Scope and Content:**

Monsignor Kern's records document the struggle of Detroit area migrant workers and their fight for compensation for their work. The collection also explores his involvement in organizations to further the equality of minorities.

**Important Subjects:**

Archdiocesan Labor Institute  
Project Amos  
Migrant worker affidavits  
Michigan Citizen's Council on Agricultural Labor  
State Farm Advisory Committee

**Arrangement:**

1 Box, 15 folders

Box 1:

1-1 : Affidavits 1945-1946, Migrant workers wages and deductions

1-2 : Affidavits 1947-1948, Migrant workers wages and deductions

1-3 : Affidavits 1950, Migrant Workers wages and deductions

1-4 : Archdiocesan Labor Institute

1-5 : Brennan Memorial

1-6 : Catholic Employers and Managers Study Group

1-7 : Catholic Social Action Course

1-8 : Convention of Day Labor/ Project Amos

1-9 : Correspondence, General

1-10 : Correspondence, Government, Department of Labor, Migrant worker issues

1-11 : Michigan Citizen's Council on Agricultural Labor

1-12 : Newspaper Articles, Migrant Workers coverage

1-13 : State Farm Advisory Committee

1-14 : Temporary Admission of Migrant Workers

1-15 : Workers' Settlement Contracts