

SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus, Waterford - Special and Unique Collections
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Creator: St John's College

Title: St John's College, Waterford Collection

Language of materials: English and Latin

Collection summary: Collection of 59 journals and seminary periodicals.

Biographical note: St. John's College (or St. John's Seminary) was a Catholic seminary founded in 1807 for the diocese of Waterford and Lismore, founded by Bishop John Power DD. It was one of many seminaries founded in Ireland following the reliefs of the penal laws by the Catholic Relief Bill. The college was formed out of two schools one a classical school of Rev. Thomas Flynn DD, the other an Academy of Dr. Geoffrey Keating and the new college was located in Manor Hill in Waterford, originally a mansion of the Wyse family. In 1868 a new building for the college was built at John's Hill, the building was designed by the architect Mr. George Goldie from the London firm of Goldie and Child, the foundation stone was laid by the Rev. Dr. O'Brien Bishop of Waterford and a former president of St. John's.

From its formation until 1873 when it became exclusively a seminary the college educated lay as well as clerical students, it maintains some lay teaching staff until 1878. Students would study, theology, philosophy, and humanities such as mathematics, Latin, Greek, and English.

In the 1830s the college established a mission to Newfoundland in Canada, over the years the number of priests trained would have served dioceses around the world, with about 250 serving in the United States.

In the 1980s the College offered Certificate and Diploma courses in Theology and Philosophy which were validated by the NCEA. As with other diocesan seminaries of Carlow and Thurles, was linked with the Faculty of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The college closed in 1999.

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Status: The collection has been catalogued and is available on the SETU Library Management System KOHA, the standard used is the MARC record format (**MA**chine-**R**eadable **C**ataloguing record)

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Acquisition note: Donated to the Luke Wadding Library by St John's College following the redevelopment of the College.

Physical Location of the collection: SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus, Special Collections room LB.13

Link to resources on KOHA Library Management System: https://libsearch.setu.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=se%2Cwrdl&q=St+John%27s+College%2C+Waterford+Collection%3B&sort_by=title_az