

The Archives of Cardinal Willem Marinus van Rossum at the Catholic Documentation Centre in Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

At the Katholiek Documentatie Centrum (Catholic Documentation Centre) in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, parts of the archives of Cardinal van Rossum are located. Until quite recently, the thousands of letters, documents, photographs etc. were inimitably arranged, which made them difficult to consult. Now they are digitalized: anybody can search names (f.e. Roncalli, Gasparri, Pacelli, Frans Joseph, Manna, Tisserant etc. etc.), locations, dates etc. Go to the homepage of the Katholiek Documentatie Centrum, Archives, or click

http://www.ru.nl/kdc/over_het_kdc/archief/over_de_archieven/kerkelijk_en/archivalia_van_0/archivalia/rossum_w_m_van/

To download the list with links to the documents in pdf just open: [Plaatsingslijst met links naar gedigitaliseerde archiefstukken](#)

History of the archives

As far as can be reconstructed, shortly after the death of Willem van Rossum on August 30, 1932,, these documents were brought to the Netherlands and stored in the Redemptorist house in Wittem. It is almost certain that they were collected by Van Rossum's former secretary Joseph Maria Drehmanns. As his *exécuteur testamentaire* he was admitted to Van Rossum's apartments in Rome. Drehmanns used the documents for his biography: *Kardinaal van Rossum. Een korte levensschets*, published in 1935 in Roermond. The thousands of letters were not only directed to Van Rossum, but to his private secretary as well (Joseph Drehmanns until 1930 and afterwards Bernard Lijdsman).

From 1934 until the sixties of the twentieth century many of the documents, together with some belongings of Van Rossum and his cardinal wardrobe, were exhibited in the 'Cardinal van Rossum Museum', located in the same monastery in Wittem.

In 1996, the archivist of the Redemptorists J. Vinkenburg, handed the archives over to the Catholic Documentation Center.