Cataloguing the archives of the Irish College, Salamanca.

Overview
The archives of the Irish College, Salamanca contain the archives of the Irish colleges in Spain from 1592 to the middle of the twentieth century. They are the property of the Irish Episcopal Conference and were deposited in St Patrick’s college, Maynooth in 1951. The archive contains approximately 50,000 items including student oaths, rectors private records, accounts, leases, book of income and daily expenses, correspondence, petitions, official ledgers, book of vows, patents and testimonials, bulls and briefs, royal documents, proclamations and decrees, title deeds, book of profits and annual charges, execution of wills, rents and royalties, mortgages and annuities. Cataloguing of this unique collection commenced in 2010 and is to be completed December 2013.

How it will work
- Creation and launch of an online catalogue that will aid students and the general public in their research work.
- Some items of the collection will be digitised and the images will be linked to the online catalogue.
- Those interested in investigating the archive further can view items online or come and visit the Russell Library in person.

Impact
- The archives give a unique insight into the political, social and religious history of both Spain and Ireland of a period that spans almost three centuries.
- It is both rich and unique in content offering students and researchers endless research possibilities.
- The catalogue will create a platform for researchers and students to gain access to the collection on both a national and international level.

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