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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Papers of Fr. Tamaš Padziava</b>
<b>Collection ID:</b>	<b>01-05</b>
<b>Creator:</b>	<b>Padziava, Tamaš</b>
<b>Extent:</b>	<b>3.6 linear feet (2 boxes)</b>
<b>Repository:</b>	<b>Archival storage room Francis Skaryna Belarusian Library and Museum</b>

**Abstract:** The papers of Fr. Tamaš Padziava consist of memoirs, diaries, manuscripts, typescripts, correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other documentation related to his pastoral and academic activities. Materials are in Belarusian, English, French, German, Italian, Latin, Polish, and Russian.

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## Biographical Note

Fr Tamaš Padziava (Bel: Тамаш Падзява) was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 1906 in Piarchuleva near Dzisna and died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1975 in London. He was a Belarusian Catholic priest, philosopher and theologian, and a member of the Marian Fathers Congregation (MIC).

He studied in Rome in 1930-1931, then, from 1932, lived in Druja monastery until his ordination in 1934 (23.12). From 1935 to 1948 he worked as a missionary in Kharbin, China where he was a teacher, prefect and a spiritual director of St Nicholas Lycium. In 1948 together with the rest of the Marian Fathers in Kharbin, he was arrested by the Chinese communist and handed over to the Soviets. Condemned to hard labour, he spent eight years in GULAG camp in Taishet (Eastern Siberia). After his release he moved to Poland, where he worked as a seminary professor. Emigrated to Rome and then to London in 1969 where he was a member of the Belarusian Catholic Mission. His articles appeared in Belarusian émigré periodicals (“Bożym Ślacham”, “Żnić”). He also contributed to the Belarusian edition of the Radio Vatican.

He is buried at St Pancras Cemetery in London.

### Series 1, subseries 5

Box 01-05-1: Fr. T. Padziava's papers:

Folder 1: Identification papers, ecclesiastical appointment letters

Folder 2: “Dom Przenajświętszej Bogarodzicy”, 1956

Folder 3: Historic and religious pamphlets about Marian Fathers in China and Belarus, 1973

Folder 4: Manuscripts and typescripts of various religious publications in Polish and Russian, various notes

Folder 5: “Wschod-Zachod”, “Wyznania Hercena...” (Polish)

Folder 6: Catechetical, theological, and philosophical works by Fr. T. Padziava (Bel & Latin)

Folder 7: Philosophical, polemic, and historic works by Fr. T. Padziava

Folder 8: “Ecumenism” (Polish)

Folder 9: Letters (I. Piotroŭski, Fr. Alfons Padziava etc)

Box 01-05-2: Fr. T. Padziava's papers:

Folder 1: Philosophical and theological works (Bel). Manuscript and typescript

Folder 2: Philosophical and theological works (Bel) by Fr. T. Padziava and his translations of other authors. Typescript

Folder 3: Essay “Demyan” (Rus) 1955. Typescript

Folder 4: Notes and drafts of various theological and polemic works (Polish, Rus, Bel). Manuscript and typescript