

1868 – 1990

MDHC SUMMARY OF THE ADVOCATE

This resource is part of the ***MDHC Summary of The Advocate 1868 – 1990***. The Summary is organised into four chronological periods. The subject information runs A – Z within each period. They are:

1868 – 1900 – 11 volumes

1901 – 1927 – 12 volumes

1928 – 1954 – 12 volumes

1955 – 1990 – 12 volumes

There is also an overall Index to the Summary which is Volume 48 and makes a total of 48 volumes. The Index is the index to the Summary and the Summary is the index to, and summary of, *The Advocate*. The Summary and Index were compiled for the Melbourne Diocesan Historical Commission by Father Kevin Hannan.

The Advocate was first published on 1st February 1868 by Samuel Vincent Winter and his brother, Joseph. Its goal was to “fairly and intelligently represent the Catholic and Irish section of the community, and, while defending their legitimate interests, would aim at promoting the prosperity of the colony, and cultivating a friendly feeling among all classes of the community.” In 1902, *The Advocate* imported a font of Irish type and became the first newspaper in Australia to be able to print the Gaelic language. In 1919, the ownership and management of *The Advocate* passed to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne until it ceased publication in 1990.

From 1868 – 1990, *The Advocate* remained a “reliable record of Catholic life.” The MDHC Summary of *The Advocate* will assist researchers to access the wealth of history within this great newspaper.

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