

## **CLUB ESPORTIU SANT FELIP (1948-1969)**

### **THE SPORTING DOCUMENT COLLECTION IN THE ARCHIVE OF THE SANT FELIP NERI ORATORY IN PALMA**

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The Archive of the Congregation, in Palma, preserves several documentary collections. The collection of the Parvo Oratory, a youth organisation created during the second half of the 19TH century, and that of the Oratorian Youth is of special interest, because it preserves documentary evidence about the main sections and youth activities led by that institution. *In 1953, they opened a school and promoted a series of leisure activities that quickly attracted the interest of the young people who lived in the historic centre of the city of Palma.*

The congregation of the Oratory of Sant Felip Neri, in Palma, in Mallorca, keeps certain documentation in its archive relating to the football teams that, during the 1950s and 1960s, formed one of the most dynamic sections of the Oratorian Youth. The Oratory had congregations in Palma and Porreres, and in both they created football teams that competed in lower categories (children and youth), but also in the regional categories: Club Esportiu Sant Felip (Palma, 1950) and Club Esportiu Felipenc (Porreres, 1966-1969).

The aim of this communication is none other than to show the importance of the archival handling of these documentary collections in order to preserve the legacy and to show the importance of the sporting activity that the parents carried out. Between 1945 and 1970, during the process of secularisation of island society, the Church still had a certain ability for youth socialisation. In the case of the Oratorian Youth, sport (ping-pong, basketball and especially football) became a point of reference for youth recruitment and social influence among the urban middle classes. Not surprisingly, in 1950 Club Esportiu Sant Felip was already listed as a subsidiary of CE Mallorca.

Although the documentation relating to football teams is identified in the archive's inventory and is a task which is already very valuable *in itself*, this has not received the archival handling that the knowledge of our discipline proposes in the present tense. Thus, we suggest classifying by documentary typology, with the corresponding description, to obtain an accurate catalogue that serves as a reference for other

documentary collections of religious congregations, schools, clubs, etc. This communication describes the suggested location, inventory, conservation and possible consultation of a unique sports archive. The sports collection of the Oratory of Sant Felip, in Palma, contains acts, correspondence, chronicles, photographs, internal newsletters, trophies and other materials.

Through this Archive the aim is to carry out a pilot experience of classification and *publicity* of an archival model that could well be a reference for many other Mallorcan religious associations that also had sports teams, and that participated in different sports during the first half of the 20th century, such as Joventut Antoniana, Joventut Seràfica, La Salle or CE Patronat Obrer, among others. The cataloguing of this collection provides very interesting information on sports competitions and tournaments organised by the Frente de Juventudes, Acció Catòlica or Àguilas, in addition to the official competitions of the Balearic Football Federation (FBF). In the latter case, during the 1960s, when the FBF had a youth competition regulated and approved by the Spanish Football Federation.





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Palma, 22 marzo de 1.956.  
POR EL COMITÉ DE AFILIADOS,



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Sr. Presidente del CLUB DEPORTIVO VICTORIA.

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