Biography and Description
Fr. Donald Headley was first ordained as a Catholic priest in 1958 and is resident priest at the St. Mary’s of the Woods Faith Community in Chicago. He recalls meeting with Saul Alinsky and working with Rev. Jack Eagan, the founder of urban Catholic activism. He also recalls a great deal about the Puerto Rican community in La Clark that grew up through the 1950s. Fr. Headley’s work in Chicago also prompted him to spend 13 years working with the poor in the San Miguelito Mission in Panama during the late 1960s and 1970s. The mission was an experimental parish, based on the practice of liberation theology, organized by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1962. By 1980, when the project was terminated by the Archdiocese amidst controversy involving questions of theology and liturgy, the mission had assumed control over 53 parishes and base communities.