



## RESEARCH AGREEMENT

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I agree with the conditions specified in this Research Agreement. I will abide by the on-site regulations when I attend the Archives in person. This agreement is in effect from the date of signature until it expires six months from the date of signing.

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1. The researcher will keep the information in a physically secure location to which only the researcher has access.
2. The researcher will not contact any individual to whom personal information relates directly or indirectly without the prior written authority of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.
3. The researcher may encounter records that contain private or restricted information about individuals or organizations and this information may not be transmitted by the researcher to others by any means. The researcher will ensure that no personal information will be used or disclosed in a form in which the individual to whom it relates can be identified without the written authority of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.
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6. The researcher will, if requested, provide the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives an opportunity to review any part of a manuscript containing the results of the research conducted using this personal information prior to publication.
7. The researcher agrees to supply one copy of any publication including a thesis or dissertation resulting from this research free of charge to the Archives.

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9. The researcher agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada and its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims and actions or loss or damage to them, including attorney's fees, arising out of the researcher's use of archival materials.

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- Only pencils, not pens, may be used. No marking or erasure of materials is allowed.
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- Items must be kept in their existing order within folders. Folders must be kept in their existing order within a box. The researcher should handle only one archival record at a time, and only one file at a time, not removing items from folders.
- The researcher must not write on anything that has items below it, such as a folder containing papers, or trace anything.
- Cotton or nitrile gloves must be worn when handling photographs or artifacts.
- Food and drink including chewing gum and candy are prohibited in the archives.
- Researchers must leave personal belongings such as coats, briefcases, backpacks, folders, and oversize purses in a closet outside the Archives.
- Researchers should wash and dry hands before handling archival materials and avoid applying hand lotion before working with archival materials.
- Researchers may be required to wear an N95 mask in the archives.

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