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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	Community Days series
Reference code:	F01-S095
Date:	1988-2004 (creation)
Physical description:	5.5 cm of textual records
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	July 2, 2020

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The “Community Days”, unlike the “Assembly” days, were not a necessary part of the congregation’s government. These gatherings had a non-formal nature and were meant for coming together for reflection. A Community Day lasted for one day, during which the Sisters met for conversations, mealtimes, and pleasant evenings. There were no formal reports about meetings or discussions. The series includes several years of Community Days records which differ by topics discussed.

During the Community Days of 1988-1990, the following topics were discussed: principles for understanding power, types of formal power, impact of experience on decision making, modes of religious life, and the ability to reflect critically on one’s own experience. The details and statements of a professional caretaker are provided, including such discussions as the nature and meaning of depressions, the sensitivity to the needs of others, and the origins of emotional difficulties that one may carry throughout the life. The Community Days of 1993-1994 included the following topics: communal graced history which is important “ so a person or a community can decide with the movement towards the Trinity and resist the self-centred movement”; steps towards selecting a leadership; understanding of the nature, aspects and models of church; reflections on charisms; and reflections on the nature and identity of religious life in Canada. The Community Days of 1999 discussed the experience of Chapter meeting; and training to understand the stages of community development. The Community Days of 2000 included morning prayer; a case study about child poverty; and reports on activities, including an article on destructive cycles in organizations.

Scope and content

This series documents the Community Days. The series contains material covering ten different years. The Community Days were not held every year, but Assembly meetings were held every two years, and

Chapter meetings were held every four years. The series contains various materials related to these meetings. Some of the most interesting materials include, for example, a Windsor workshop that taught Sisters to experience negotiation, meditation, and to practice active listening communication; the celebration of the 125th Anniversary (1993); a workshop on managing differences and conflict situations (2002); and other workshops and conferences.

The series contains schedules of congregational days, leadership style notes, spiritual exercises, prayers, workshop notes, “coming soon” reminders and “welcome” sheets, musical sheets for prayers and songs, short writings about the congregational history, correspondence related to the Community gatherings, reviews of new publications, ceremonies and celebrations, talks, corporate stances, photocopies of articles or short book chapters. It also contains printed brochures with prayers, theological reflections, other kinds of spiritual reflections, and conference materials.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title derived from contents of series.

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred from the administration to the archives.

Arrangement

Chronological order was imposed by the archivist.

Location of originals

The records are stored off-site in London, Ontario.

Restrictions on access

The Archives reserves the right to restrict access to the collection depending on the condition of the archival material, the amount of material requested, and the purpose of the research. The use of certain materials may also be restricted for reasons of privacy or sensitivity, or under a donor agreement. Access restrictions will be applied equally to all researchers and reviewed periodically. No researcher will be given access to any materials that contain a personal information bank such as donor agreements or personnel records, or to other proprietary information such as appraisals, insurance valuations, or condition reports.

Conditions governing use

Permission to study archival records does not extend to publication or display rights. The researcher must request this permission in writing from the Archives.

Finding aids

There is a series and file list.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Note [Sources]

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
 - **Level of detail:** Partial
 - **Status description:** Revised
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Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada -- London
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Religion and religious people (subject)
 - London (place)
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Collection holdings

Subseries: F01-S095--01 - Gatherings

Title: Gatherings

Reference code: F01-S095--01

Date: 1988-2004, predominant 1999-2002 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries contains: schedules, leadership style notes, spiritual exercises, prayers, workshop notes, “coming soon” reminders and “welcome” sheets, musical sheets for prayers and songs, short writings about the congregational history, correspondence related to the community gatherings, reviews of new publications, ceremonies and celebrations, talks, corporate stances, and photocopies of articles or short book chapters. It also contains printed brochures with prayers, theological reflections, other kinds of spiritual reflections, and conferences.

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File: F01-S095--01--01 - Community days, 1988, 1989, 1990

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File: F01-S095--01--02 - Community days, 1993, 1994

Title: Community days, 1993, 1994

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File: F01-S095--01--03 - Community days, October 29-31, 1999

Title: Community days, October 29-31, 1999

Reference code: F01-S095--01--03

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File: F01-S095--01--04 - Community days, August 3-6, 2000

Title: Community days, August 3-6, 2000

Reference code: F01-S095--01--04

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File: F01-S095--01--05 - Community days, October 13-15, 2000

Title: Community days, October 13-15, 2000

Reference code: F01-S095--01--05

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File: F01-S095--01--06 - Community days, March 16-18, 2001

Title: Community days, March 16-18, 2001

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File: F01-S095--01--07 - Community days, October 26-28, 2001

Title: Community days, October 26-28, 2001

Reference code: F01-S095--01--07

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File: F01-S095--01--08 - Community days, March 15-17, 2002

Title: Community days, March 15-17, 2002

Reference code: F01-S095--01--08

Publication status:

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File: F01-S095--01--09 - Community days, October 25-27, 2002

Title: Community days, October 25-27, 2002

Reference code: F01-S095--01--09

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File: F01-S095--01--10 - Community days, October 21-24, 2004

Title: Community days, October 21-24, 2004

Reference code: F01-S095--01--10

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