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## Diocese of London series

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada

**Title:** Diocese of London series

**ID:** F01-S128

**Date:** 1910-1979 (date of creation)

**Language:** English

**Physical description:** 6.5 cm of textual records  
25 photographs : 20 col., 5 b&w  
1 negative ; b&w  
1 map : col. ; 28 x 12 cm

**Note**  
**[sourcesDescription]:** Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, 'Our Heritage,' <http://www.csjcanada.org/our-heritage> , accessed 2017/11/22  
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E.A. Livingstone, *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, Second Edition, Oxford University Press, 2006.

## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

A diocese is a level of unit of administration for a Church or religious organization, usually led by a high-ranking church official, such as a bishop. The Diocese of London was established on February 21, 1856 under the guidance of Bishop Pierre-Adolphe Pinsoneault. In 1867, Bishop Pinsoneault was succeeded by Bishop John Walsh. At the request of Bishop Walsh, five Sisters from Toronto answered the call to spearhead the education of children and care for the elderly in the London area, as the population of London was growing due to immigration, primarily of Irish Catholics, to the diocese. The Sisters went on to establish the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada in London in December 11, 1868. The Sisters of St. Joseph served the community through their involvement in health services, education and engagement in religious missions. The fifth Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Michael Francis Fallon, was a strong supporter of Catholic education, and founded St. Peter's Seminary and also helped support the Women's College of the London area, Brescia College. Missionary work was an important part of the work that the Diocese engaged in and organized many committees and commissions. They presided and oversteered the financial and admirative aspects of these missions so that they were both successful and financially sound. In February 1974, Sister Mary Brendan Flynn and Sister Teresa Carmel visited Labrador at the request of Bishop Peter Sutton of the Labrador-Schefferville Diocese. The Sisters participated in Bishop Gerald Emmett Carter's call upon clergy, religious men and women and the laity to

participate in the Second Synod of the Diocese of London in 1966-1969 to restructure and address church reform to include active participation from church laity. Currently the Diocese of London comprises of southwestern counties of Ontario including Middlesex, Elgin, Norfolk, Oxford, Perth, Huron, Lambton, Kent and Essex Counties.

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## Scope and content

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This series contains correspondence, journal articles, historical reports, newspaper clippings, prayer cards, sermons, photographs, administrative reports, meeting minutes, speeches and one map relating to the commissions of the Sisters of St. Joseph within the Diocese of London. The series also contains biographical information on Bishop Michael Fallon, including a biography and eulogy, as well as articles related to the Bilingual Controversy that the Bishop was involved in. The series contains reports made by the Mission Commission related to the administration and operation of missions that the Diocese were engaging in from 1971 to 1979. Also included are textual materials related to Sister Flynn and Sister Carmel's missionary visit to Labrador from February 1974. Administrative records reflect the participation of CSJ London in the Second Synod of the Diocese of London in 1966-1969.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the contents of the series.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred by the administration to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada archives.

### Location of originals

The records are located in off-site storage 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.

## Other notes

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

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## Access points

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- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada -- London
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Maps (documentary form)
- Religion (subject)
- London (place)

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## Collection holdings

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### Subseries: F01-S128--01 - Bishop Fallon

Title: Bishop Fallon

ID: F01-S128--01

Date: 1910-1953 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This sub-series consists of correspondence, journal articles, historical reports, newspaper clippings, prayer cards, sermons, and photographs pertaining to the life of Bishop Fallon. These records include biographical material about the Bishop's career as a clergyman, such as a photocopy of his naturalization papers from the United States of America, dated 1908. Of particular note, there is material about his involvement in the bilingual controversy of 1910, where Bishop Fallon was quoted

by the Toronto Globe, out of context, making derogatory remarks about French Canadians and their education within schools run by the Church, and the subsequent investigation by the Catholic Church. Also included are sermons and speeches he made during his canonical visits to the Sisters of St. Joseph between 1917 to 1926. The sub-series also contains the eulogy that was written about the Bishop after his death in 1935.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

5 photographs : b&w

8 photographs : col

1 negative : b&w

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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### **File: F01-S128--01--01 - Biographical information and sermons**

Title: Biographical information and sermons

ID: F01-S128--01--01

Publication status:

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### **File: F01-S128--01--02 - Bilingual Controversy**

Title: Bilingual Controversy

ID: F01-S128--01--02

Publication status:

published

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### **File: F01-S128--01--03 - Canonical Visitations 1917-1926**

Title: Canonical Visitations 1917-1926

ID: F01-S128--01--03

Publication status:

published

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### **Subseries: F01-S128--02 - Bishop Peter Sutton**

Title: Bishop Peter Sutton

ID: F01-S128--02

Date: 1973-1975 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries is comprised of correspondence, reports, photographs, and one map relating to two cities in Labrador (Labrador City and Wabush). There are materials from visits to Labrador in February 1974 made by Sr. Mary Brendan Flynn and Sr. Teresa Carmel Slavik. Also included are historical and demographic field reports that detail the history, community and culture of Labrador City and the development of church and school programs in the area. One map, made using the spirit duplicating process, details the mining district locations of Labrador. Also included is correspondence from the students and educators of the local church-run school with drawings of their experiences in Labrador City. These drawings portray the school, church, town and travel by planes and cars.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

12 photographs : col.

1 map : col. ; 28 x 12 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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### **File: F01-S128--02--01 - Visit to Labrador-Srs. Mary Brendan Flynn and Teresa Carmel Slavik**

Title: Visit to Labrador-Srs. Mary Brendan Flynn and Teresa Carmel Slavik

ID: F01-S128--02--01

Publication status:

published

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### **Subseries: F01-S128--03 - Missions**

Title: Missions

ID: F01-S128--03

Date: 1971-1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains reports and correspondence related to the administration of the Sisters of St-Joseph activities related to religious missions. There is a report by Father Courtright, the director of missions for the Diocese of London, which discusses finances and makes recommendations. The subseries also includes a letter concerning the prospect of creating of a mission commission in the Synod of the Diocese of London, to look over and review applications to engage in religious missions.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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### **File: F01-S128--03--01 - Mission Commission 1971-1979**

Title: Mission Commission 1971-1979

ID: F01-S128--03--01

Publication status:

published

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### **Subseries: F01-S128--04 - Synod of the Diocese**

Title: Synod of the Diocese

ID: F01-S128--04

Date: 1966-1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains correspondence, meeting minutes, reports and speeches relating to the Synod of the Diocese in London, Ontario. Included in this subseries are planning details, attendance records, and meeting speeches relating to the work of the Synodal commission of the Diocese. The Sisters of St. Joseph, along with priests and lay people, participated in the Synodal commission.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Publication status:



published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**F01-S128--04--01 - Correspondence, Meeting Minutes, Reports and Speeches**

Title: Correspondence, Meeting Minutes, Reports and Speeches

ID: F01-S128--04--01

Publication status:

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