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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	Diocese of London - Sisters' Council series
ID:	F01-S126
Date:	1966-1982, 2006 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	7.5 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The London Diocesan Sisters' Council was composed of elected or appointed Sisters from each community represented in the Diocese. Meetings for the Sisters' Council were presided over by an Executive Committee comprised of a president, vice-president, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and recording secretary. This committee met prior to each Council meeting to prepare an agenda for each meeting. The Sisters' Council elected two members per year to be members on the Board of Governors of the Diocesan Council. These religious communities, in 1975, included the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Sisters of the Holy Names, the Society of the Sacred Heart, the Ursulines of Chatham, the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the Polish Ursuline Sisters, the Sisters of the Holy Family, the Felician Sisters, the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, the Carmelite Sisters of Saint Teresa, the Misericordia Sisters, the Ursuline Sisters of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus, the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, and the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. The Sisters' Council strived to assume a more effective role in the Church's ministry by studying the true meaning and focus of religious life, to establish a means of open communication with one another and the church, to be informed about the Apostolic needs of the diocese and to cooperate with priests and lay deaneries, and to stimulate a concern for contemporary issues. The Sisters' Council accomplished this by meeting three times a year, writing committee reports and constitutions, keeping in touch with priests and lay deaneries as well as by keeping the community informed with regular newsletters and events.

Scope and content

This series consists of committee reports by the Religious Education Program's committees, of constitutions for the Sisters' Council, of correspondence to and from the Sisters' Council, of two newsclippings, and one agenda with hymns and prayers, and correspondence related to the Diocese of London's 150th anniversary, of the treasurer's report presented to the Sisters' Council, of a study on the use of Chapels of Reservation, of membership lists for the Sisters' Council, of newsletters created by the

Council as well as by the Sisters' Committee of the Essex Deanery, of questionnaires and correspondence related to the planning of the Study Days planned by the Sisters' Council, and of the minutes, agendas, and surveys and questionnaires to aid event planning during the Sisters' Council's meetings.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were transferred from the Congregation to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada - London site archives.

Location of originals

The records are stored offsite in London, Ontario.

Restrictions on access

Open.

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:** Final

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada -- London
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Minutes (documentary form)
- Periodicals (documentary form)
- Women (subject)

- Religions (subject)
- Education (subject)
- Buildings and structures (subject)
- London (place)
- Ontario (place)
- Canada (place)

Collection holdings

Subseries: F01-S126--01 - Committee Reports [1972-1973]

Title: Committee Reports [1972-1973]

ID: F01-S126--01

Date: 1971-1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of two reports by the Religious Education Program's committees outlining the objectives of each committee, areas of work, outlining tasks to be completed, long-term goals, and recommendations. The Religious Education Program's committees were: the Committee on Catholic Children in Public Elementary School, the Committee for the Preparation of Teachers for Catholic Elementary, the Committee on Adult Education, the Committee on Catholic Children in Public High Schools, and the Committee on Catholic Children in Catholic High Schools.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--01--01 - Committee Reports [1972-1973]

Title: Committee Reports [1972-1973]

ID: F01-S126--01--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--02 - Constitutions

Title: Constitutions

ID: F01-S126--02

Date: 1973-1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of constitutions for the Sisters' Council, notes on discussions about revisions to constitutions, and correspondence regarding the Ad Hoc Committee studying the constitutions, committee membership, as well as correspondence seeking feedback from members about changes to constitution.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--02--01 - Constitution [1973-1980]

Title: Constitution [1973-1980]

ID: F01-S126--02--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--03 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

ID: F01-S126--03

Date: 1969-1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of correspondence to and from the Sisters' Council concerning donations, descriptions of local causes, the initial funding to form the Council, and other correspondence related to the Council's work. The subseries also includes one newsclipping describing the Council's work.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--03--01 - Correspondence [1969-1979]

Title: Correspondence [1969-1979]

ID: F01-S126--03--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--04 - Events

Title: Events

ID: F01-S126--04

Date: 2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of two newsclippings, and one agenda with hymns and prayers, along with correspondence relating to the celebration of the Diocese of London's 150th anniversary.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--04--01 - Diocesan Events [2006]

Title: Diocesan Events [2006]

ID: F01-S126--04--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--05 - Finance

Title: Finance

ID: F01-S126--05

Date: 1974-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of treasurer's reports presented to the Sisters' Council, detailing account balances, expenditures, and disbursements.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--05--01 - Financial Reports [1974-1981]

Title: Financial Reports [1974-1981]

ID: F01-S126--05--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--06 - Chapel Use

Title: Chapel Use

ID: F01-S126--06

Date: 1975-1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of one copy of the "Study on Chapels of Reservation in Smaller Religious Houses" authored by the Sisters' Council. There is also one letter in the subseries which states that a copy of the study is attached and that this study was used by Father O'Brien in his presentation to the Superiors. The study concludes with approval for the erection of chapels of reservation.

Mount St. Joseph in London, St. Clare's Parish of Windsor and Holy Name Parish of North Bay are acknowledged in this study.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--06--01 - Liturgy – Chapels of Reservation [1975-1976]

Title: Liturgy – Chapels of Reservation [1975-1976]

ID: F01-S126--06--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--07 - Meetings & Minutes

Title: Meetings & Minutes

ID: F01-S126--07

Date: 1969-1982 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of advertisements for workshops, a program for the visit of the Archbishop of Detroit, notices for meetings, agendas, minutes, a morning prayer book from 1972, programs for events, membership lists, a constitution and correspondence confirming registration for workshops and to announce events. The subseries also consists of an article about the House of Sophrosyne which was a residential treatment centre and detoxification unit for alcoholic women in the Windsor and Essex County area. There is also an article describing the Council celebration of 1980 held for for the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Religious Conference. The subseries also contains reports at the request of Bishop Carter on surveys and discussions carried on by the Sisters' Council and the Priests' Senate.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The records are arranged in chronological order.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--07--01 - Meetings & Minutes [1969-1982]

Title: Meetings & Minutes [1969-1982]

ID: F01-S126--07--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--08 - Membership

Title: Membership

ID: F01-S126--08

Date: 1969-1982 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of a list of representatives present at a meeting of the London Diocese Sisters' Council, memberships lists of 1972-1982, and correspondence concerning council members from 1969-1973. It also consists of the "Directory of Communities of Religious Women of the Diocese of London" produced by the Sisters' Council in 1975. There are nomination forms for the executive positions of the Sisters' Council and results from the 1972 nominations. There is also a list of members eligible for election to the Executive Committee and of new members accepting their position on the Council.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The records are arranged in chronological order.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--08--01 - Membership [1969-1981]

Title: Membership [1969-1981]

ID: F01-S126--08--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--09 - Newsletters

Title: Newsletters

ID: F01-S126--09

Date: 1966-1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of the Sisters' Council report for the community newsletter written in 1974, as well as newsletters by the Sisters' Council from 1970-1974. There is a report of the Board of Governors of the Diocesan Council meeting in March 1974, a list of members of the Executive Committee of the Sisters' Council of 1971-1972, and a membership list for the Sisters' Council. There is also the first newsletter published by the Sisters' Committee of the Essex Deanery in January 1966.

Physical description: 0.8 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Subseries: F01-S126--09--01 - Newsletter [1966-1974]

Title: Newsletter [1966-1974]

ID: F01-S126--09--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S126--10 - Study Days

Title: Study Days

ID: F01-S126--10

Date: 1967-1968 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of a brochure on the Archdiocese of Detroit's accomplishments for 1967. There are also newspaper clippings about Bishop Breitenbeck and the Archdiocese of Detroit. There is correspondence from Bishop Breitenbeck to the Sisters about the Study Days of 1968, which was an occasion for the Sisters to ask questions, to hear about topics that interest them, and to discuss ways to improve community living, as a result of the surveys and questionnaires they were asked to complete. This correspondence includes survey results, a questionnaire, and the results of ballot voting. There is also the schedule for the Study Days.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S126--10--01 - Study Days – Archdiocese of Detroit [1967-1968]

Title: Study Days – Archdiocese of Detroit [1967-1968]

ID: F01-S126--10--01

Publication status:

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