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Formation series

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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	Formation series
Reference code:	F01-S100
Date:	1948-2003 (creation)
Physical description:	10 cm of textual records 7 photographs : col. ; 13 x 9 cm 8 photographs : b&w ; 26 x 21 cm 1 poster : col. ; 43 x 28 cm
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	July 2, 2020

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

In order to become a Sister of St. Joseph, a woman had to complete the formation process. She spent at least six months as a postulant when she first entered the convent. She then became a novice and spent two years in this position. During the first year, known as the canonical year, she could take no outside work. She studied her vows, the charism, and the life of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In the second year, she could possibly do some outside ministry, but not fill a professional role such as a nurse. After the first two and a half years, she took her first vows. After this, she could have a ministry. The first vows were considered temporary vows. The next three to six years were spent in the Juniorate. After this, she took her final vows and became a professed Sister.

The Tertianship was an opportunity to regroup and reaffirm for a professed Sister who had been in a Ministry. It could only be taken once and took place in a one-month period. Tertianship was not part of the formation process, although one could view it as part of ongoing formation. After a while, the Tertianship process died out and all Sisters were encouraged to study the works of the Vatican Council.

Vocation is the process of encouraging a woman to heed the call to enter religious life.

Scope and content

This series includes a variety of textual records and photographs related to the vocational activity of the Sisters of St. Joseph. There are correspondence, newspaper clippings, bookmarks, advertisements, pamphlets, brochures, program outlines, catalogues, registers, photographs, communication records, newsletters, bulletins, memos, minutes, advertisements, bookmarks, and booklets. The materials were created

predominantly in London, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta. The main function of the materials in this series relates to providing information as well as the administration of the formation process.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

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

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

Access points

- Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada -- London
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Clippings (documentary form)
 - Ephemera (documentary form)
 - Correspondence (documentary form)
 - Photographs (documentary form)
 - Booklets (documentary form)
 - Women and girls (subject)
 - Religion and religious people (subject)
 - London (place)
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Collection holdings

Subseries: F01-S100--01 - Novitiate

Title: Novitiate

Reference code: F01-S100--01

Date: 1951-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series includes correspondence, invitations, documents relating to postulant requirements and lists of Novice Mistresses.

Physical description: 1 photograph: col. ; 9 x 9 cm
0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--01--01 - Formation - Novitiate Formation Postulancy [1963-2000]

Title: Formation - Novitiate Formation Postulancy [1963-2000]

Reference code: F01-S100--01--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S100--02 - Juniorate

Title: Juniorate

Reference code: F01-S100--02

Date: 1970-1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series includes documents relating to Juniorate requirements, conference proceedings, a bulletin from the National Sisters Formation Conference and a list of Mistresses of Junior Professed Sisters.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--02--01 - Formation - Juniorate [1970-1973]

Title: Formation - Juniorate [1970-1973]

Reference code: F01-S100--02--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S100--03 - Photographs

Title: Photographs

Reference code: F01-S100--03

Date: [ca. 1958]-[1980] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series includes photographs depicting Sisters during the formation process and encouraging other women to join the Congregation at vocational fairs and events. Sisters at the postulant, novice and other levels of formation are portrayed.

Physical description: 8 photographs: b&w ; 26 x 21 cm
2 photographs: col. ; 13 x 9 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--03--01 - Sisters Photographs – Sisters-in-Formation [19-?]

Title: Sisters Photographs – Sisters-in-Formation [19-?]

Reference code: F01-S100--03--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S100--04 - World Day of Prayer

Title: World Day of Prayer

Reference code: F01-S100--04

Date: 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series consists of correspondence, liturgy aids and a poster for the Sisters of St. Joseph's participation in the World Day of Prayer, a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who advocate for peace and justice. This event, held annually from 1926 to the present, engages religious women worldwide.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

1 poster : col. ; 43 x 28 cm

Note [generalNote]: World Day of Prayer, Interchurch Center (New York)

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--04--01 - Formation/Vocation – World Day of Prayer [1990]

Title: Formation/Vocation – World Day of Prayer [1990]

Reference code: F01-S100--04--01

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S100--05 - Administration

Title: Administration

Reference code: F01-S100--05

Date: [19-? -1989] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series comprises documents related to the administration of the formation process including as correspondence, invitations, programs for the Feast of Mother St. John Fontbonne and for Vocation Day in Ignatia Hall (London, Ontario), clippings, and vocation committee pamphlets and minutes

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--05--01 - Formation Program [19-?]

Title: Formation Program [19-?]

Reference code: F01-S100--05--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S100--05--02 - Application Forms and Formation Manual [1975]

Title: Application Forms and Formation Manual [1975]

Reference code: F01-S100--05--02

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S100--05--03 - Vocation Committee [1973-1989]

Title: Vocation Committee [1973-1989]

Reference code: F01-S100--05--03

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S100--06 - Newspaper Clippings

Title: Newspaper Clippings

Reference code: F01-S100--06

Date: 1948, 1965-1966, 2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series contains newspaper clippings about the formation and vocation of the Sisters. The newspaper clippings include a personal account of one Sister's journey from The Boston Globe as well as clippings about becoming a Sister, news about the vocational and community work of the Sisters, and the history of Sisters of St. Joseph in London in The Canadian Register.

Physical description: 2 cm textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--06--01 - Boston Globe Magazine – “Becoming a Nun” [2003]

Title: Boston Globe Magazine – “Becoming a Nun” [2003]

Reference code: F01-S100--06--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S100--06--02 - Newspaper Items on Formation, Vocation, Etc.

Title: Newspaper Items on Formation, Vocation, Etc.

Reference code: F01-S100--06--02

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S100--07 - Communications

Title: Communications

Reference code: F01-S100--07

Date: 1953-2002 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series contain materials related to how the Sisters communicated about formation inside and outside the community. These communication materials include newsletters, bulletins, brochures, newspaper clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, photographs, memos, advertisements, bookmarks, program outlines, a catalogue, a register, booklets and a register. There are materials that pertain to both London, Ontario and Edmonton, Alberta.

Physical description: 4.5 cm textual records
4 photographs : col. ; 9 x 13 cm

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S100--07--01 - Vocation Committee and bulletins, etc. 1996. [1996-1997]

Title: Vocation Committee and bulletins, etc. 1996. [1996-1997]

Reference code: F01-S100--07--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S100--07--02 - Formation –Vocation -Newsletters & Correspondence. [1999-2002]

Title: Formation –Vocation -Newsletters & Correspondence. [1999-2002]

Reference code: F01-S100--07--02

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S100--07--03 - Vocation Material – Sisters of St. Joseph of London. [1953-1977]

Title: Vocation Material – Sisters of St. Joseph of London. [1953-1977]

Reference code: F01-S100--07--03

Publication status:

published
