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Hellmuth College/Mount St. Joseph series

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Summary information

Repository:	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Title:	Hellmuth College/Mount St. Joseph series
Reference code:	F01-S137
Date:	1853-2015, predominant 1976-2005 (creation)
Physical description:	38 photographs : b&w 10 photographs : col 1 map : col ; 71 x 43 cm 1 map ; 62 x 51 cm 1 drawing : b&w ; 20.5 x 28 cm 6 cm textual records
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	July 2, 2020May 22, 2023

Scope and content

This series consists of contracts, deeds, plans, and newspaper clippings relating to Hellmuth College from 1866-1952. There is a general history and photographs of Hellmuth College. The series includes photographs of the Chapel and Motherhouse. The series contains a description of the layout of the Orphanage as well as information regarding the day-to-day routines. The series also contains notes on the process of purchasing the Mills property and written summaries of ecclesiastical events such as the Eucharistic Congress at Mount St. Joseph in July, 1923 and the visit of Cardinal Villeneuve in 1934. There are also special issues of the Western Gazette and magazine and newspaper articles, including a biography of Bishop Hellmuth, and the building of the new Motherhouse.

Notes

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 Congregation to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives - London site.

Arrangement

The arrangement follows the original order of the records.

Location of originals

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

Restrictions on access

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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 [General]

Hellmuth College was originally granted by the Crown to the English Church Corporation. The Anglican Bishop Hellmuth directed the building of a young ladies' college which opened September 23, 1869. The college went bankrupt, and the land where Hellmuth College was situated was put up for sale and subsequently purchased by the Sisters of St. Joseph of London on June 10, 1899. A year later, on April 29, 1900, the property was blessed and the name was changed to Mount St. Joseph. In 1900, approximately 108 school age children moved from Mount Hope to Hellmuth College, and the site also became an orphanage. On April 3, 1914, the Sisters moved to Sacred Heart Convent after its purchase from the Religious of the Sacred Heart. After the move, Mount St. Joseph became exclusively a home for orphans, and the remaining children at Mount Hope were moved to Mount St. Joseph in 1914. There were as many as 370 children cared in the orphanage at any time. Mount St. Joseph Orphanage had a fire on April 14, 1925, which was attributed to defective wiring, however only the roof was lost. The orphans were moved from Mount St. Joseph to Fontbonne Hall in 1953. In 1967, Fontbonne Hall came under the direction of Madame Vanier Services of London and the Sisters withdrew. In 1954, the Sisters built a new Motherhouse next to the old Mount St. Joseph building. The former orphanage building was renamed Fatima Hall, and became the home of the Mount St. Joseph Academy, a private girls' school, from 1954 until 1959 until a new wing for the school was added to the new Motherhouse building. The building was also used for a Kindergarten and pre-Kindergarten which ran from 1954 until 1975. The building was also used from 1957-1967, the Fatima Hall High School and Aspirancy was founded for girls to introduce them to religious life. The former orphanage building was demolished on May 28, 1976.

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, Ont.)
 - Multiple media (documentary form)
 - Photographs (documentary form)
 - Maps (documentary form)
 - Women and girls (subject)
 - Health and social services (subject)
 - Religion and religious people (subject)
 - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
 - London (place)
 - London, Township of (place)
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Collection holdings

Subseries: F01-S137--01 - Hellmuth College

Title: Hellmuth College

Reference code: F01-S137--01

Date: 1949-2007, predominant 1983-2007 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The subseries includes a general history of Hellmuth College. Included are specifics about the donation of one brick and approximately 15 pieces of glass from the windows of Hellmuth College to the Anglican Diocese of Huron. The document lists the students from the late 1800's who carved their names into the glass with diamond rings. There is correspondence in the form of reference inquiries, including one about the Dufferin Medallist recipients from Hellmuth Ladies' College. There is a photocopy of the rules for the pupils attending Hellmuth Ladies' College from 1869. There are photographs showing the front view of the College building. There is an A.B. Dick Company mimeograph depicting the Hellmuth Ladies' College. Articles are included from The Free Press and Western Gazette and London Magazine about Bishop Hellmuth.

Physical description: 1 drawing : b&w ; 20.5 x 28 cm

5 photographs : b&w

4 photographs : col.

1 photograph : b&w ; 15.5 x 20.5cm in mat 20 x 25 cm

3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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File: F01-S137--01--01 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: F01-S137--01--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--01--02 - History

Title: History

Reference code: F01-S137--01--02

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--01--03 - Newspaper clippings and Photographs

Title: Newspaper clippings and Photographs

Reference code: F01-S137--01--03

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--01--04 - Bishop Isaac Hellmuth – 2nd Bishop of Huron (Ang.)

Title: Bishop Isaac Hellmuth – 2nd Bishop of Huron (Ang.)

Reference code: F01-S137--01--04

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S137--02 - Property

Title: Property

Reference code: F01-S137--02

Date: 1853- 1976, [19-] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of photocopies of contracts and deeds from 1866-1952 relating to Hellmuth College and Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse. The subseries includes two maps depicting the property bounded by Richmond (formerly Proof Line) and Windermere Road (formerly the 4th Concession). The subseries includes original newspaper clippings from The London Free Press, The Catholic Record, and London Advertiser from 1908. There are also notes on the process of purchasing the Mills property. Finally, the subseries includes a photograph of Sisters in a horse and carriage in front of the chapel in 1925, and photographs of the chapel during demolition in 1976.

Physical description: 3 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 9 cm

1 photograph : b&w ; 6 x 7.5 cm

1 map : col ; 71 x 43 cm. - Scale [1:1200] (Scale statement is 1 in. to 100 ft.)

1 map : b&w ; 62 x 51 cm. - Scale [1:1584] (Scale statement is 2 chains to an inch)

3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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File: F01-S137--02--01 - Contract & Deeds

Title: Contract & Deeds

Reference code: F01-S137--02--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--02--02 - Cornerstone Papers – Chapel – 1908-1976 – Newspaper clippings & Photographs

Title: Cornerstone Papers – Chapel – 1908-1976 – Newspaper clippings & Photographs

Reference code: F01-S137--02--02

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--02--03 - Mount St. Joseph Property – Norwood/Mills

Title: Mount St. Joseph Property – Norwood/Mills

Reference code: F01-S137--02--03

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S137--03 - Ecclesiastical Events

Title: Ecclesiastical Events

Reference code: F01-S137--03

Date: 19-? (date of creation)

Scope and content: This subseries consists of a summary of the Eucharistic Congress which was chosen by Bishop Fallon to be held at the Mount St. Joseph Chapel in July, 1923. After the celebration of Mass, the Blessed Eucharist was carried throughout the grounds followed by the children and Sisters. The entire service was accompanied with music from 100 children from the separate schools as well as the Sisters. The subseries also includes a summary of the visit of Cardinal Villeneuve of Quebec in 1934. The Sisters were honoured he would be visiting them and therefore decorated the halls with bunting, flags, and flowers. Throughout his speech, the Cardinal continuously addressed the school children and specifically thanked the Sisters.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S137--03--01 - Mount St. Joseph Eucharistic Congress July, 1923

Title: Mount St. Joseph Eucharistic Congress July, 1923

Reference code: F01-S137--03--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--03--02 - Mount St. Joseph visit of Cardinal Villeneuve

Title: Mount St. Joseph visit of Cardinal Villeneuve

Reference code: F01-S137--03--02

Publication status:

published

Subseries: F01-S137--04 - Orphanage

Title: Orphanage

Reference code: F01-S137--04

Date: 1941-2015, predominant 2006-2015 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The subseries contains Mary DeLoof's memoirs of her life at the orphanage, including a description of the layout and daily routines. There are photographs of Mary DeLoof as part of the first graduating class of Catholic Central High School in 1951. There are newspaper articles about Isaac Hellmuth and some about the building of the new Motherhouse as well as "London City Life Magazine" articles on this subject. The subseries also contains information about Annabelle Leed who was an orphan, including photographs of her from later in her life and her obituary.

Physical description: 27 photographs : b&w

1 photograph : b&w 25 x 19.5 cm

6 photographs : col.

2 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
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File: F01-S137--04--01 - Mount St. Joseph Orphanage History

Title: Mount St. Joseph Orphanage History

Reference code: F01-S137--04--01

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--04--02 - Mount St. Joseph Orphanage Photographs

Title: Mount St. Joseph Orphanage Photographs

Reference code: F01-S137--04--02

Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--04--03 - Letter from Monsignor John Stanley re: House of Providence and OrphanageTitle: Letter from Monsignor John Stanley re: House of Providence and OrphanageReference code: F01-S137--04--03Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--04--04 - Mount St. Joseph Orphanage and Sisters of St. Joseph by Mary DeLoof 2009-2Title: Mount St. Joseph Orphanage and Sisters of St. Joseph by Mary DeLoof 2009-2Reference code: F01-S137--04--04Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--04--05 - Mary DeLoof Obituary 2015-24Title: Mary DeLoof Obituary 2015-24Reference code: F01-S137--04--05Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--04--06 - Mary DeLoof – Photographs and Certificates 2014-74Title: Mary DeLoof – Photographs and Certificates 2014-74Reference code: F01-S137--04--06Publication status:

published

File: F01-S137--04--07 - Annabelle Leed (not CSJ – orphan)

Title: Annabelle Leed (not CSJ – orphan)

Reference code: F01-S137--04--07

Publication status:

published
