

# Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada

## Finding Aid - Sister Chrysostom Murphy sous-fonds (F01-SF15)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
<b>Title:</b>	Sister Chrysostom Murphy sous-fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	F01-SF15
<b>Date:</b>	1950-2015 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	1.5 cm of textual records 2 photographs : col. 5 scrapbooks
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	July 20, 2023.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Sister Chrysostom Murphy was born Mary Theresa Murphy in Balderson, Ontario on June 8, 1923, to Hugh Murphy and Teresa Hagan. She served as an organist at Sacred Heart Parish in Lanark and at the Parish of Annunciation in Enterprise, Ontario from 1936-1949. She attended Perth Collegiate, and then Ottawa Teachers' College from 1942-1943 and received her Permanent Elementary Teacher's certificate. She then taught and served as a principal at Lanark, Drummond, Enterprise and Tillsonburg. She entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London, Ontario, in July of 1950 and took the religious name Chrysostom. She received her habit January 3, 1951, and professed her first vows on January 3, 1952, and her final vows on January 3, 1956.

Sister Chrysostom taught at many schools in London from 1950-1953. She then served as both a principal and teacher in London schools from 1953-1962. In 1962, she received her B.A. from the University of Windsor, followed in 1965 by her Elementary Principal's certificate. She also obtained several teaching certificates in physical education, learning materials, guidance, and art. Sister Chrysostom moved to Windsor and again served as a principal and teacher until 1970. In June of 1970, she received her M.Ed. from the University of Toronto. She became the Director of Religious Education for the Kent County Roman Catholic Separate School Board in Chatham, serving in this position from 1970-1976. Following this, she returned to London in 1976 and worked as a teacher at Mount St. Joseph Academy until 1978. Moving to Toronto, Sister Chrysostom took up the position of National Executive and Program Director of the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood from 1978-1989. After her long tenure in this position, she returned to London, and became the audio-visual assistant at Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse. Sister Chrysostom was a member of the Canadian College of Teachers and was a lifelong learner, also taking training in photography, the Christopher Leadership course, and driving.

Sister Chrysostom Murphy celebrated her Golden Jubilee in 2001 and her Diamond Jubilee in 2011. She died November 4, 2015, in London, Ontario.

## Custodial history

Records were transferred to the Archives upon Sister Chrysostom Murphy's death.

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## Scope and content

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This sous-fonds consists of five scrapbooks created by Sister Chrysostom Murphy of her religious community in London, Ontario, two photographs of all the Sisters in the community taken in 1993, the copy of the new constitutions she received when the London congregation amalgamated with three other congregations in 2012, and her diploma for her Master of Education degree. The scrapbooks are primarily concerned with the Sisters, their residences, and Sister Chrysostom's reception and jubilees. The scrapbooks contain photographs, clippings, postcards, icons of Saints, prayer cards, funeral cards, biographies of Sisters, celebration speeches, invitations, pamphlets, tickets, and obituaries and photographs of Sisters, priests, and bishops. Notable material includes photographs of the interior and exterior of Mount St. Joseph in London, photographs of Sister Chrysostom's jubilees, and Bishop Roland Fabbro's statement in response to the conviction of Father Charles Sylvestre.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the content of the sous-fonds.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Records were transferred to the Archives upon Sister Chrysostom Murphy's death.

### Arrangement

Arrangement has been imposed by the archivist.

### Location of originals

The records are located at The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Archives.

### 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 available.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## Other notes

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

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- Murphy, Chrysostom (subject)
  - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.)
  - Multiple media (documentary form)
  - Photographs (documentary form)
  - Textual records (documentary form)
  - Postcards (documentary form)
  - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (London, Ont.) (subject)
  - Religion and religious people (subject)
  - Events and celebrations (subject)
  - Women and girls (subject)
  - Nuns (subject)
  - London (place)
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## Collection holdings

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### Series: F01-SF15-S001 - Scrapbooks series

Title: Scrapbooks series

Reference code: F01-SF15-S001

Date: 1950-2011 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The scrapbooks contain a variety of photographs in black and white and colour. The photographs are mainly of individual Sisters, group photographs of Sisters, Sisters celebrating holidays, birthdays, jubilees, priests and bishops with connections to the Sisters, floral arrangements, cemeteries, Mount St. Joseph in London, Medaille Retreat House in London, 485 Windermere Road in London, and Holy Rosary in Windsor. Mount St. Joseph was the Sisters' residence in London until 2007 when they moved to their newly built residence at 485 Windermere Road. The photographs of Mount St. Joseph include the exterior and interior of the building, aerial photographs of the property, the grounds, Ignatia

Hall, and the Immaculate Conception Chapel. There are group photographs of the Sisters with staff and students at Holy Family School in Windsor and St. Lawrence's School in London, group photographs of the Divine Word Group, and of those who attended a public speaking workshop in Chatham, Ontario. There are also various photographs of the Danley and Murphy families, including Christmas cards, and a few photographs of Pont-Viau, Stratford, Kenya, Montreal, Marmora, and Kingsville, Ontario.

There are also a variety of clippings from newspapers, newsletters, and magazines concerning events the Sisters were involved in and about the Church. Notable topics include the release of "Sister: The History of the Sisters of St. Joseph of London" by Dahlia Reich, the construction of 485 Windermere Road in London, and the response to the conviction of Father Charles Sylvestre for sexual assault. There is also a statement from Bishop Roland Fabbro concerning this case.

One scrapbook is dedicated to Sister Chrysostom Murphy's jubilees and includes photographs, pamphlets, and news clippings from her reception in 1951 at Sacred Heart Convent in London, her Golden Jubilee in 2001, and her Diamond Jubilee in 2011.

Within the scrapbooks there are also postcards, icons of Saints, prayer cards, funeral cards, biographies of Sisters, celebration speeches, invitations, pamphlets, tickets, and obituaries of Sisters, priests, and bishops.

Physical description: 0.3 cm of textual records  
5 scrapbooks

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)
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### **File: F01-SF15-S001-01 - Some community memoirs 1**

Title: Some community memoirs 1

Reference code: F01-SF15-S001-01

Date: 1965-2003 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

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### **File: F01-SF15-S001-02 - Some community memoirs 2**

Title: Some community memoirs 2

Reference code: F01-SF15-S001-02

Date: 2009-2010 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-SF15-S001-03 - Scrap book 1 community**

Title: Scrap book 1 community

Reference code: F01-SF15-S001-03

Date: 1956-2004 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-SF15-S001-04 - Scrap book 2 community**

Title: Scrap book 2 community

Reference code: F01-SF15-S001-04

Date: 1950-2009 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

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**File: F01-SF15-S001-05 - Golden Jubilee 2000**

Title: Golden Jubilee 2000

Reference code: F01-SF15-S001-05

Date: 1951-2011 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]: Two pamphlets were originally tucked into the back of the binder of this scrapbook. These pamphlets have been moved to the file folder for preservation.

Publication status:

published

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**Series: F01-SF15-S002 - Photographs series**

Title: Photographs series

Reference code: F01-SF15-S002

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of two group photographs of the community of Sisters belonging to the Sisters of St. Joseph congregation in London, Ontario standing outdoors.

Physical description: 2 photographs : col.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
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**File: F01-SF15-S002-01 - Sisters of St. Joseph London**

Title: Sisters of St. Joseph London

Reference code: F01-SF15-S002-01

Date: 1993 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

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**Series: F01-SF15-S003 - Constitutions series**

Title: Constitutions series

Reference code: F01-SF15-S003

Date: 2015 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series consists of a letter and Sister Chrysostom Murphy's personal copy of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada Constitutions. This is the new version of the Constitutions used after the amalgamation of the London, Peterborough, Pembroke, and Hamilton congregations in 2012. The letter is from Congregational Leadership explaining that each Sister is being given her own personal copy and what has been changed in the Constitutions.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: F01-SF15-S003-01 - Constitutions [2015-70-9]**

Title: Constitutions [2015-70-9]

Reference code: F01-SF15-S003-01

Date: 2015 (date of creation)

Publication status:



published

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**Series: F01-SF15-S004 - Diploma series**

Title: Diploma series

Reference code: F01-SF15-S004

Date: 1970 (date of creation)

Scope and content: In June of 1970, Sister Chrysostom Murphy graduated from the University of Toronto with a Master of Education degree. This series contains her diploma.

Physical description: 0.2 cm of textual records

Location of originals: F01-SF15-S004-01 is separated due to size and is stored in Map 1-4.

Publication status:

published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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**File: F01-SF15-S004-01 - M. Ed. University of Toronto [2015-70-6]**

Title: M. Ed. University of Toronto [2015-70-6]

Reference code: F01-SF15-S004-01

Date: June 12, 1970 (date of creation)

Publication status:

published

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